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You're Using More Electricity

If we could just see the great flood tide of electricity that pours into Salem daily, compared with the trickle of a few years ago, we would have little trouble convincing people of the need for conservation of power during such a time of shortage as we are now experiencing.

For a moment, let's compare the household of yesterday with the one of today with regards to the amount of electricity used.

Twenty or thirty years ago electricity was used in the average home chiefly for lighting—and what lights. Thirty or forty watt orange-colored bulbs were all a household could buy.

The installation of electric wiring was done without metal conduit in the home, and the cloth-covered wire stretched from white insulator to white insulator, with a round white wood. The center light in every room was expected to supply all the illumination necessary, and if wall plugs were numerous, it was because the house was very new or its builder was far-sighted.

Mama had her curling iron, which used electricity, and perhaps there was one of the new-fangled waffle irons, but only the homes of the wealthy had electric refrigerators, washing machines or electric ranges.

But now, move your electric time clock up to the year 1952. It is 5 p.m. and the kids are listening to an electrically-operated radio under the light of a 300-watt lamp.

Mama has her 3,000-watt oven cooking a casserole and string beans and potatoes using 400 and a 600-watt electric plates. On the utility porch she has a 4,000-watt dryer basking the water out of her clothes.

In the back bedroom is the baby, and to keep him warm a 3,000-watt room heater is working. We have accounted for a potential 11,000-watts, without even mentioning the mixer, three electric clocks, the freezer motor and the refrigerator.

What many householders do not realize is that if a home uses 10,000 watts of power at any one time during the day, the electric company must have facilities to supply that much power all the time.

In other words, the electric company cannot be guided in its purchase of power by the average amount of power that is used, but by the maximum that is used.

It would help a great deal if we could all remember to avoid "power peaks" in our own homes by not using the oven when we are using the dryer or a room heater. And let's switch off the lights we're not using. After all, that will not only save power, but will save us money on next month's bill.

We Hope It's Nothing Trivial

There has been more than one indication lately that all is not sweetness and light in the Soviet hierarchy. Latest word to that effect comes from the foreign staff of the Chicago Daily News, which reports that "the chief Soviet worry is corruption within the Russian government."

The report is not based on wishful thinking, nor is cognizance herewith taken from that standpoint. But self-criticism apparent even in the censored press has made it obvious that government by crony—the outgrowth of being in power without effective opposition for a long time—has brought a rival to "the mess in Washington."

The News draws three conclusions from the latest first-hand survey of its correspondents: That there is nothing to indicate the Russians will start a war in the foreseeable future; that the West can well be disturbed by the gains by which the Soviets are lessening the gap in capacity for heavy industry; and that the Russians will continue to foment strife among the non-Communist nations.

One curious development reported by the News is the unexplained absence of military leaders and secret police officials from top party posts. We doubt, however, there is much significance in this fact. Rather, it would seem to comprise largely an overt encouragement for larger party membership—after all, even with post-war gains the Communist party membership is less than 4 per cent of Russia's population.

We aren't looking for an early collapse of the Soviet regime. But it is always well to remember that your antagonist isn't on easy street. It makes it easier to absorb whatever punishment he metes out. All we can hope is that his trouble is nothing trivial.

It won't happen again.

Washington hotels have been gun-shy since the 1948 Presidential election, and understandably so. For months prior to the November election of that year, stalwart Republicans sent in requests for reservations for the January inaugural. It was to be a really gala time. What happened? Ask the hotels. They had reservations galore and no guests.

That won't happen this time, though. Republicans didn't make many reservations until after Nov. 4, and even so the hotels are keeping their books and their tills open. Pay up in advance by Dec. 15 or sleep on a park bench, they say in effect. They can well afford to be independent. Long-starved Republicans, whether they want an office or merely a parade, will flood Washington come Jan. 18 and the tinkle of cash should be merry music to the hostesses.

The National Forensic Society paid high and well-earned tribute to the Salem High School chapter of the organization. Secretary Jacob, in presenting a plaque, said the Salem group in its six-year existence had earned as many honors as accrue to some chapters in 25 years. Pupils in this line of endeavor never get to play in the Rose Bowl or win the plaudits of cheering thousands, but they are learning much to contribute to their own and their community's well-being and to the well-being of causes they may espouse. Congratulations are due them.

Justice Arthur Hay will succeed Justice James T. Brand as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon. It is a credit to the state that such changes on the court can be accompanied by the comment that responsibilities now are changed from one pair of capable hands to another.

The Eugene Register-Guard calls on Lane County to "head up the movement for polling improvement . . . which the legislature can adopt for the whole state." That's quite a chunk to bite off but we've a lot of confidence in Editor Bill Tugman's masticating ability.

If you've had your eye on a roadside Christmas tree, better forget it. The law prohibits defacing state right-of-way, and it also prohibits cutting trees from forest lands without a permit.

General Ike can shoot golf in the 80s, it is said. But picking off an attacking Communist from the hip at 50 yards will be a more acceptable recommendation.

From an ad in the Dallas Itemizer-Observer: Welcome Home, Johnnie Ray. Pure lard, 2 lbs. 29 cents.

Editorial Comment

HYSTERICISM IN BRITAIN

As they are reported in our own newspapers, sections of the British press are feverishly alarmed by the outcome of our election. Some of its editors speak of General Eisenhower in terms that must turn Moscow's Pravda green with envy.

No doubt newspapers have their innate fringe in any country where the press is free of state control. The emotional outpourings of such can be dismissed as of no great consequence. But when a competent edited paper like the Manchester Guardian can be quoted as fearing that the Eisenhower Administration may drag the whole world into an all-out war, things begin to look serious for Anglo-American relations.

That heretofore highly respected Manchester journal expresses its belief that General Eisenhower should immediately declare the foreign policy he intends to follow. Otherwise, it fears, the Communists will find an opportunity to drive a wedge between the United States and its natural allies.

What better opportunity, one may ask, could the Communists find for such divisive action than that presented to them by the hysterical attacks of some sections of the British press upon General Eisenhower before he has so much as taken office?

—Wall Street Journal

Except possibly in the Baltic republics absorbed before the war, there can hardly be anybody around who has "left other parties."

There has been only one party in the Soviet Union since the Communists took over. And the terms of the clause are such as to make it impossible for any of the Baltic rulers to enter the Communist Party.

Actually, what the clause seems to mean is that the satellite parties must adapt their own statutes and state constitutions to those of the Soviet party. This is being done. The East German "Democratic Republic" Party has just announced that there would be meetings of leaders to build a "party of the new type."

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"I don't think you should start working on your income tax so early, Otis . . . you'll be figuring out something that'll land you in jail . . ."

The Safety Valve

Criticizes Electorate

To the Editor: A recent editorial in the Statesman "Quarterbacking the Election" is more balanced and temperate than most appraisals of the results of the recent election.

In an attempt—probably futile—to deflate some of the outrageous charges and claims and injurious comparisons made by some of the victors, some adverse thoughts are here advanced. The winners in many instances as usual gloated inordinately over their ill-gotten gains.

In addition to numerous reasons for the above results is another—an unprecedented accumulation of sap in the voters' heads. The outcome can well be considered Hitler's greatest victory, the greatest since the enactment of the Taft-Hartley act. Not widely noticed, apparently, is the fact that all the victories of Hitler and Germany have been either pushovers or sell-outs.

In spite of all the mud and muck that has been thrown at him, Sen. Morse at his worst is better than any or all of his detractors at their individual or collective best.

If the President had overlooked it before, he probably knows by now that "biting the hand that feeds" them is only one of the objectionable practices of big brass as well as big business.

Now let us gaze over the brink of the "bottomless pit" and through the gloom and murk, if we look in the right place, we can see Hitler and Mussolini with their arms raised in triumph and with wigs of their insipid beverage they toast Whittaker Chambers, Louis Budenz, Cardinal Spellman, Franco, Nixon, Taft, McCarthy, Pat McCarran, Jimmie Byrnes, John Foster Dulles and Martin Dies. Then you can almost hear them alternately bitching because they are not on the ground to greet over their triumph and chortling with sardonic gleam over the enormity of their conquest while chiding each other for being such damn fools as to waste their efforts waging war on this country when, by waiting a short time, the combination of big business, big brass, big press and big politicians would put over most of their objectives with an effectiveness beyond their fondest hopes and dreams.

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About the Inauguration

To the Editor: On the eve of the election, the President-elect delivered a brief address expressing his willingness to dedicate himself to the immensity of the duties our nation so overwhelmingly conferred on him by the popular vote. What a wonderfully fine thing it is for him to take such an attitude of the situation . . .

No candidate, from the beginning of time to date, has ever enjoyed such a gigantic expression in ability and leadership, than President-Elect Dwight D. Eisenhower. On different occasions in his previous career, and during the recent campaign, he has expressed his faith and trust in God. We are a Christian nation . . .

"Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is destruction to any people." Any one doubting the above quotation need only refer to the record of the past of nations who forgot God. The U.S.S.R. is doomed to fall in time as certain as she is now pursuing the most wicked course of any nation in the universe.

In about 60 days we will inaugurate the President-elect, Dwight D. Eisenhower. In the past, inaugurations have been conducted in a spirit that is not too becoming to the greatest Christian nation on earth, which we are. Governments are ordained by God and it is only befitting that the head of a Christian nation as we are be inaugurated and dedicated by religious and solemn ceremony. Then, and then only may we expect divine guidance. What a betrayal of our trust as Christians, to conduct the inauguration of a president of the greatest Christian nation on earth with an eye only for pleasure and hilarity, as has been done on many an inaugural occasion in the past. Why could not the ministerial associations and the Council of Churches of Christ of America cooperate with committees in charge of inauguration arrangements and evolve a higher plane of affairs on that occasion? We feel confident that the President-elect and vice-president-elect, Richard Nixon, as well as Mamie and Pat and the Christian people who so overwhelmingly elected these men, would approve our suggestion.

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Bishops State Catholic Stand On Education

WASHINGTON (U) — The Roman Catholic bishops of the United States Saturday deplored what they called efforts to divorce religion from education and "to remove all influence of religion from public life."

The bishops identified no individuals or groups in speaking, of "those who follow . . . the way of life we call secularism."

They said these persons apparently center their main efforts on this strategy: "First to secularize completely the public school and then to claim for it a total monopoly of education."

"Let it not be said that we are enemies of public education," the bishops said. "We recognize that the state has a legitimate and even necessary concern with education."

"But if religion is important to good citizenship — and that is the burden of our national tradition — then the state must give recognition to its importance in public education."

The state therefore has the duty to help parents fulfill their task of religious instruction and training."

The bishops issued a 3,000-word statement, entitled "religion, our most vital national asset," following their annual meeting held here this week. It was made public by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Touching on the often-controversial problem of tax-financed auxiliary services — bus transportation for pupils of parochial schools, for example — the Catholic bishops said denial of such services "can only be regarded as an utterly unfair and short-sighted policy."

"Even more alarming," they added, "are the efforts to create a monopoly of education for a secularized public school."

1,600 Seized by Kenya Police in Mau Mau Raid

NAIROBI, Kenya (U) — Police and military forces in a large-scale roundup of suspected members of the anti-white Mau Mau Society Sunday seized 1,600 persons in the Kinangop area.

Most of them later were turned loose, but 208 were detained for further questioning and 60 were charged with various offenses. Twenty of the Africans were found in possession of prohibited literature.

In the Nanyuki District 26 more Africans were arrested as they were about to attend a Mau Mau ceremony.

Police said the dread secret society has spread to the Coastal province. Fourteen Kikuyu tribesmen were grabbed in that area while participating in primitive oath-taking ceremonies.

South Koreans On Their Own

WITH SOUTH KOREAN SECOND DIVISION AT SNIPER RIDGE, Korea (U) — Re-trained South Korean troops, fighting with renewed determination under the army motto, "Stay and Fight," are valiant to a fault. They won't admit defeat — and sometimes this works to their own disadvantage.

Recently on Sniper Ridge the Chinese struck with a reinforced battalion one morning and drove the outnumbered South Koreans off the entire ridge. But this wasn't reported until five hours later to division headquarters. Instead the ROK (Republic of Korea) regimental command post reported merely that seven Chinese Red companies had attacked, but had withdrawn.

When the truth was learned, an impatient U. S. major said: "If they wouldn't lie we could help them." However, when the gallant ROKs stormed back up the hill and knocked the Chinese off, the 8th Army was informed of the victory in a matter of minutes.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He depends more on you rather than on me."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "octavo"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Exactitude, exasperate, exaggerate, except.
4. What does the word "inure" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "t" that means "to excite the activity of"?

ANSWERS
1. Omit rather. 2. Pronounce ok-ta-vo, first e as in ea, as in the second e as in be, accent second syllable. 3. Exaggerate. 4. To accustom to something hard or painful. "He became inured to hardship during his youth." 5. Stimulate.

Learns Job in Air Force



McCORD FIELD—Learning "on the job," to be a surgical technician is WAF Arlene Strawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Strawn, Hubbard. Miss Strawn is shown placing instruments in the sterilizer after an operation. (Air Force Photo.)

East German Move Against Church Hinted

BERLIN (U) — A direct appeal to Moscow to curb East German Communist threats against the church may be made next week by Bishop Otto Dibelius, informed quarters reported Sunday.

The bishop, head of the Protestant Church in all Germany, will leave next Saturday for Moscow in a week's visit sponsored by Alex. Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The opportunity to complain to the Russians about their Communist hirings in the Soviet Union of Germany is unique. Associates of the bishop said he would not miss the chance. Dibelius himself described the invitation as "A gift of God" without elaborating further.

Church circles said among the major points the bishop probably would bring up with the Russian church heads are mounting attacks by the Communist press of East Germany, including arrests of pastors charged with espionage; the moment they show any pro-Western tendencies. The sources said it is hoped the bishop's problems would filter to the Russian government level and possibly achieve results.

SOS Blamed On Romance

NOTTINGHAM, England (U) — A lovesick youth admitted Sunday he got the British Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast a nationwide SOS to his sweetheart in an attempt to patch up his romance.

Raymond Holmes told newsmen he hadn't slept or eaten since Joyce Wislber broke off their two year engagement last Thursday.

Holmes said he telephoned where Miss Wislber was supposed to be vacationing but was unable to locate her. Then he phoned the BBC and asked the company to broadcast a message telling Joyce to come quickly to his home because he was "dangerously ill."

Joyce heard the SOS and went with her brother to see Raymond. Holmes said he tried to see Joyce Sunday to apologize but her mother wouldn't let him in the house.

AID IN OIL PRODUCTION

NEW YORK (U) — Flooding wells with carbonated water and plenty of brine can bring a third crop of oil from Pennsylvania's sands, reports J. N. Breston, director of the production research laboratory of the Pennsylvania Crude Oil Association.

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