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## McKay in Cabinet

The appointment of Gov. Douglas McKay as secretary of interior ends an 81-year drought as far as Oregon's place in the national cabinet is concerned, and there will be few to dispute that it ends on a high note of ability, integrity and experience in the field assigned.

It is gratifying that one of the earliest backers of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower for the presidency is so recognized, and McKay's record in public life is proof of itself that his attitude and goals parallel closely those of the commander-in-chief who so recently was given a resounding vote of national confidence.

As one of the original sponsors of the Willamette Valley Project and an aggressive member of the Columbia Basin Interagency Committee, McKay has long taken an active and fruitful part in reclamation and conservation of natural resources. So, too, has he been an advocate of joint federal-state action in such matters. And as governor of Oregon he has rounded his experience and interests with a practical education as a large-scale administrator.

With McKay heading the interior department and Sen. Guy Cordon—whom many say might have had the secretaryship had he so desired—as third in command of the important senate interior and insular affairs committee, Oregon indeed is well represented in an important segment of the new administration.

And it should not go unrecognized that Mrs. McKay, among the most gracious of all of Oregon's first ladies, assuredly will add charm to the Washington scene. Their home city and state will miss them both.

Under current interpretations of the law, able Senate President Paul Patterson would assume the governorship should McKay resign prior to the election of a new senate president when the legislature meets Jan. 12. It can be said that the state would be in good hands.

## GI Friction With British

Recent reports that the men of our Air Force aren't hitting it off too well with the British these days are deplorable, but somehow understandable.

We shouldn't be too surprised if austerity-struck Britain resents the invasion of their quiet pubs and shops by a bunch of young Americans with more money and freedom than they have had before in their lives.

At the pubs the silent game of darts, played by a group of pipe-smoking Englishmen as their wives watch, is accompanied in the background by GI chatter of the fancy cars they have at home and how much better things are in America than they are in Britain.

The British people have grown used to living on a few ounces of meat a week and virtually no butter and milk, but they haven't grown to like it. It is no secret in Britain that the boys on the American air bases eat royally, by English standards. And the British people know that some of the perishable food on the mess hall tables come from their own dwindling supplies.

The British are a proud (not arrogant) people who dislike having to pay 70 cents tax per pack on their cigarettes, but like no better the way many Americans condescend to pass around a few of their own less expensive but better tasting brands.

Britons are quiet, but when stirred are quick to let you know that they are far more impressed with the traditions and culture of their own nation than they are with the mechanical gadgets of America.

We understand that greater efforts are to be made to bring about understanding between the British and the U. S. airmen. This program is bound to succeed because both nations are populated by friendly people.

Our boys will learn upon closer contact with the British that the manners and philosophy of

the people in the British Isles are worth remembering and applying to their own lives in the United States. And the British, in turn, will learn something they should have remembered from the last war—that the enthusiasm of the Yanks can be turned from praising the U. S. to praising Britain if the boys are shown the type of hospitality that merits it.

## Norway Hails Ike

It is most heartening to know that most of our foreign friends believe the election of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to the Presidency was a wise and well-earned choice. This view is reflected markedly in a statement last week by Norway's Premier Oscar Torp and in comment by Arbeiderbladet, main organ of the Norway Labor Party.

Premier Torp observed:

"From our viewpoint, it is important to note the fact that even in the heat of the bitter election campaign, no basic differences were expressed with regard to U. S. foreign policy.

"Both in peace and war, General Eisenhower has made unique contributions to the benefit of Europe. It is my conviction that the firmly established cooperation between the United States and Western Europe will be continued, by and large unchanged, under the new President."

Arbeiderbladet's editorial said in part:

"Hardly any American President designate has enjoyed such a good name abroad before his election as General Eisenhower. He was in chief command of the Allied forces which liberated Western Europe from the Nazi yoke, a difficult and trying task. He won his greatest reputation, not as a field commander, but as an organizer and mediator who was able to bring about smooth cooperation among armies and generals from many countries. It was his straight-forward manner and common sense that won him the requisite authority.

"This rare ability to inspire confidence made General Eisenhower the natural choice to direct the organization of Western Europe's defense under the North Atlantic Treaty. We looked upon him as a guarantee that the United States would follow a moderate and sound policy in Europe."

With such good wishes from abroad, our new President should be off to a good start in his avowed efforts toward world peace.

It is no secret that many an industry with its eyes on Oregon has found that the lack of natural gas precludes operation in this area. So it is more than a little encouraging to note that Westcoast Transmission Company, Ltd., now has before the U. S. Federal Power Commission an application to construct an already-financed \$111 million pipeline from the Peace River Fields, in northern Alberta, to Portland. A third of the consumption from such a project would go through Portland Gas & Coke, and there is every reason to believe the line would be extended to parts of the Willamette Valley. It would be a big boost to industry.

## Editorial Comment

**DRINK ONE (COFFEE) FOR ROAD**  
From the assistant dean of the University of Kansas school of medicine, Dr. Glen Shepherd, comes a safety suggestion which editors might file away for use during the Holiday season.  
"When you, the host, permit a person unfit to drive to walk through your door to his auto you are an accessory to manslaughter. It is murder by proxy to let him walk out of the door to his car because you know that there is considerable chance that in his hands his vehicle is a deadly weapon which may cost his life or worse, the lives of innocent and entirely sober persons."

What can be done about it?  
We are advised that the final "one-for-the-road" drink of the evening be a cup of strong black coffee. Even better are two cups, with plenty of sugar. Now this may help sell a lot of coffee. We suspect it might even be information released as publicity by a coffee-selling organization.  
But, you know—if it would save a life, we wouldn't mind a bit.—(Publishers' Auxiliary.)

## German-French Strain Over Saar Industry Said Delaying Peace and Defense Treaties

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.

Associated Press News Analyst  
All sorts of reasons are being offered for the German parliament's refusal to go ahead with the European defense and Allied-German peace treaties.

The State Department listed three 1. Supporters were absent when the vote was taken. 2. Committee procedure was incomplete. 3. The court which is to pass on the constitutionality of the measures had asked delay.

All of them are contributing factors, no doubt. European observers, however, were quick to put France and the Saar at the head of the list.

Members of the French parliament have displayed even more reluctance than the Germans over the treaties.

Recent failure of the two governments to agree over the Saar puts a severe strain on politics on both sides.

The treaties, you remember, end the Allied occupation of Germany, though the guise of a separate peace treaty was avoided, and provide for limited rearmament of Germany within the new unified European army. French political leaders continue to express fear over a revitalized Germany. The French government supports the treaties, but has refused German suggestions for internationalization of the Saar.

The French-dominated Saar government is going ahead

with elections while two parties representing Germans in the Saar are under ban.

German Chancellor Adenauer said a government produced under such circumstances would not be recognized by his regime.

The Saar voted after World War I to affiliate with Germany.

After World War II the French took it over, merging the industrial economy of the little state into her own.

It was a part of French policy that never again would Germany's heavy industry, adaptable to war, be allowed to exceed her own.

That concept has been wavering under signs of German cooperation, adoption of the Schuman Plan for international control of Europe's coal and

steel, and the pressure of defense needs under the Russian threat. But it has not disappeared.

France would feel more inclined to go along if Britain were to become a part of the European Defense Community, thus guaranteeing a balance of strength within the organization against anything which might develop from Germany in the future.

But Britain, though realizing the need, feels that she cannot diffuse the strength which lies behind her commitments to the Commonwealth.

Britain and the U. S. gave France assurances of their intentions as Allies at the time the treaties were drawn up, but apparently they proved insufficient.

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS  
**THE FAR COUNTRY**, by Nevil Shute (Morrow; \$3.50)

An Englishman born and bred, this author, his family and his desk and typewriter have moved to Australia, the "far country," and this novel uses a bit of the old homeland and a lot of the new as setting.

We sort of edge into the story the back way, first meeting Tim Archer, who is in love with Angela, daughter of the newly rich sheep farmer Jack Dorman; then meeting Jack and his English-born wife; then meeting Carl Zilmer, Czech-trained doctor without a medical license good in Australia and so working in a

lumber camp as a laborer; finally meeting pretty Jennifer Morton, London girl who by a trick of fate, or Shute's, finds her way to Australia and straight to the lumber camp.

With Shute's familiar skill, the story begins touchingly and ends in the same welcome spirit. In between, though, the author labors a little too hard at the thesis that England, and Europe, too, are petered out . . . no money, no food, no freedom from worry, no future . . . and that Australia is the land of milk and honey. Though Britons go east to get there, it sounds to an American too much like the familiar advice, go west young man, go west

## GRIN AND BEAR IT



"It's possible we did promise the people a few things before election . . . but as men of integrity we must not be swayed by such a pressure group..."



That call from Ike to Gov. McKay Thursday morning was short and to the point. McKay took the call at his home about 8:30 a.m. Ike started out with, "This is Eisenhower." And about all McKay said was "yes, sir," several times as Ike said he understood McKay was available for the interior post, that he was pleased McKay looked at it that way and that he was looking forward to working with McKay in Washington. McKay said "yes, sir" and that was about all there was to it.

Oregon GOP-Ike chieftains had already approached McKay on the Department of Interior post several days ago. And in on the secret and having a tough time keeping it bottled up . . . When McKay's appointment became known Wednesday morning the governor's office was flooded with fone calls from all over the nation—from friends and governors in most other states . . . When McKay's in Portland today he'll be moved for TV, too . . . The governor, who was thinking of retiring soon, and Mrs. McKay discussed the appointment long and thoroughly before he finally decided to accept.

Most disappointed Dallas citizen when Johnnie Ray came to town was Wes Sherman, associate editor of the Polk County Itemizer-Observer. Wes was one of the originators of the Johnnie Ray Day idea and worked hard on the program. Then when The Day and The Cry arrive, Wes is in the hospital with an eye infection. But Johnnie left behind a nicely-autographed, tear-plashed photo of himself for Wes.

To hand comes an issue of the Korean Times, a drab four-page daily published in Pusan. It is probably the only paper which actually lists black market prices and calls them black market prices. The sheet prints a daily list of commodity prices prevailing in Pusan. Includes stuff like rice, flour, beans, cuttlefish. But when the list comes to gold, silver and the U.S. dollar it indicates the figures are black market figures. An American dollar there is worth about \$2.48.

The May 28, 1952, Pusan paper runs an ad for the "Peace Typewriter Store" . . . A story to the effect that to the needy war sufferers in Korea was coming more relief goods—most of which would eventually land on the black market . . . And a feature story about life in Paris, written by a Korean newspaper woman . . . The entire issue has only five small ads—one of them for Wha Rang wines . . . Lead story was Ike handing over SHAPE to Ridgway.

## Congressional Quiz

Q—We take it for granted most business of Congress is made public. Has this always been the case?

A—No. Prior to 1799 the Senate held secret sessions only; but thereafter publication of proceedings was required, except in the case of "executive sessions."

Q—Eleven Congressmen at large were elected this year. What is a Congressman at large?

A—A Congressman at large is a Representative elected by the entire state rather than as a member from a particular Congressional District.

Q—My Congressman says he supported a certain bill when it came before the House for action last year. Is there any way I can check on what he said in defense of the measure?

A—Yes. The Congressional Record, a journal of the proceedings of Congress, prints a stenographic record of all debate that transpires before both chambers of Congress. CQ Weekly Report carries the highlights of this debate.

Q—When will the 83rd Congress convene?

A—The 83rd Congress convenes on Saturday, Jan. 3, 1953. The 20th Amendment to the Constitution prescribes that Congress convene "at noon on the 3rd day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day." Although Saturday is not normally a legislative day, Congress passed no resolution before the 82nd Congress ended to change the day of meeting.

Q—Just what is the electoral college?

A—It is a body of Presidential electors from the various states. These electors are chosen by vote of the people on election day. Their purpose is to elect the President and Vice President. Each state is entitled to as many electors as it has U. S. Senators and Representatives.

## Your Health

As yet we have no definite cure for leukemia, but we do have treatments which relieve suffering and prolong life in a considerable number of cases. One such treatment is to create a temporary deficiency in a vitamin normally needed by the blood cells.

In working with these new methods, doctors are continually learning more about this disease. They know that the final cure, if found, would be a great gift to thousands of parents, for many victims of leukemia are young children.

Leukemia is due to an abnormal production of the white blood cells. It may be compared to a tumor growth within the blood stream.

The white blood cells have the important function of fighting disease germs in the body. However, in leukemia, these cells multiply way beyond normal. A number also get into the blood stream before they are fully developed to perform their work.

Usually a white blood count up to ten thousand white blood cells is considered normal. In leukemia, it may go up past fifty thousand, and even to the hundreds of thousands.

Leukemia usually starts suddenly with fever and weakness, and also brings an anemia, or shortage of red blood cells. The many white cells seem to "crowd out" the red cells, which are needed to carry oxygen and food to the different parts of the body. Nosebleeds are fairly common, and there may be hemorrhages in the skin and inside the body. These are due to a shortage of blood platelets, needed in the blood for proper clotting. In addition, the spleen and lymph glands are usually enlarged.

Many treatments have had limited success in helping children and adults with leukemia. One of the best so far is with certain anti-vitamins, so called because they interfere with the use of a vitamin, folic acid. This is one of the vitamin B group, and is important in the manufacture of blood cells, both white and red.

However, the white cells seem to use more folic acid than the red cells. By cutting down the folic acid, the anti-vitamins reduce the number of white cells, and give the blood system a chance to return to normal.

A number of persons with acute forms of leukemia have greatly improved, and even returned to health, after taking

treatments with anti-vitamins. In all cases, however, the improvement is temporary—usually for a short time. The treatment seems to be more helpful in younger patients, and those with acute or severe forms of the disease.

It must be remembered that this is no cure, for the disease eventually returns. However, it may be an important step towards discovering the final cure.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

D. S. M.: How many children is it safe to have when there is an Rh incompatibility?

Answer: Many times a couple may have as many as five or six children without any difficulty, even though an Rh incompatibility exists. Sometimes the incompatibility does not manifest itself for many pregnancies. (Copyright, 1952, King Features)

## Lower Voting Age Urged

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Judge Guy K. Bard thinks the voting age should be lowered because young men and women of today have far greater political knowledge than their parents or grandparents when they were young. "There are in this country today," the judge said, "influential leaders who prate of their confidence in the capacity of the rising generation yet they oppose every attempt to lower the voting age to 18 years."

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## South's Credit Acquisitions to Go to Owners

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The order authorizes the Pioneer Trust Company of Salem, guardian of South, to ascertain, where possible, rightful owners of the items. Owners are to be notified and may claim the merchandise at their own expense.

South was arrested last month by Marion County sheriff's deputies. In his rundown farm house near Clear Lake, officers found several thousand dollars' worth of merchandise South had acquired from firms all over the nation on open contract accounts and for which he had never paid.

He was committed to the State Hospital Oct. 21. South's personal estate in personal and real property was appraised at \$2,312, according to court files.

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