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## Oregon Loses a Fine Judge

It's a long, long trail from the heather of Scotland to the chair of chief justice of Oregon's Supreme Court. For Judge Arthur D. Hay, it was long, honorable and productive of the finest of life's offerings.

Judge Hay, of Scotland, came to America 46 years ago, after already serving an apprenticeship at law. For a time he worked in the woods and sawmills of the Pacific Northwest, but by 1911 he had his law degree from the University of Oregon and a full career in the legal profession was launched.

First in a Portland law office, then in Klamath Falls and then for a quarter of a century in the Lakeview country, Judge Hay formed the character which was to be the heritage of the state's court of final appeal. Stepping stones were the district attorneyship of Lake County and nearly 10 years on the circuit bench. He was named to the supreme court by former Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

Many a Boy Scout is better fitted for adult life through the kindly guidance which Judge Hay exercised in his after-hours handling of the Court of Review which passes on the qualifications for the Eagle badge, high honor in scouting. His work on the Scout Court was one of probing into the thinking of Eagle candidates, and to mold that thinking, rather than to ask the prosaic questions of fitness for the honor which already had been earned.

In the death of Justice Hay, Oregon has lost one of its most learned, practical and productive judges. And Salem has lost one of its best citizens.

## Individual Enterprise

Two ex-fliers seem to be rolling along well in a brand-spanking new business building and selling midget one-cylinder automobiles near Athens, O. The two, Claud Dry and Dale Orcutt, decided it would be impossible with their limited capital to go into business building cars of normal dimensions. Also, it seemed a step toward bankruptcy to try building a scaled-down big car.

So, in a typical "build-a-better-mousetrap" fashion, the two pooled ideas and built King Midget, a car of about 500 pounds, conservatively rated at 8 1/2 horsepower and publicized to travel at speeds upwards of 50-miles-per-hour. Cost of the car is said by the founders of Midget Motors Manufacturing Corporation to be "about \$1 per pound" — less than the current cost of some beefsteak.

At a time of year when competitive medium-priced automobiles (medium-price delivered now estimated at roughly \$2,500) are vying for

honors as "longer, lower, wider, sleeker and greater horsepower model," it smacks of fertile imagination and healthy self-confidence that two men should run counter to these consumer demands and produce an automobile of these diminutive proportions. And, despite all predictions to the contrary, the two have managed to gain considerable success in a large-scale field usually dealing in production orders in the hundreds of thousands. The corporation is able to produce about 100 of these one-cylinder, air-cooled, two-passenger fleawrights a month and production units are described far below the increasing rate of demand.

Enterprise and individual initiative and ingenuity are still great factors in America.

## Editorial Comment

**TWO STRAWBERRIES INSTEAD OF ONE**  
Some old timers in the Willamette valley probably still scratch their heads when groups talk seriously about the need for irrigation in the region. Time was when rain was considered a surplus commodity, but the experience of the past summer, particularly, drove home the fact that in years to come the Willamette valley probably will be buying water.

This probability was given added credence Wednesday at the session of the Willamette Basin Project Commission in Salem. Engineer for the organization presented a program to bring over 500,000 acres in the valley under irrigation, 40,900 of them in Clackamas county.

Studies prepared by various agencies during the past year or two have emphasized that Oregon is one of the great potential "bread baskets" of the expanding West. The population growth has changed the supply picture. The time has come, or is fast approaching, when western markets make possible western outlets which can compete profitably with those in other areas. As these western markets become stabilized—assured through local consumer needs—the demands on production, particularly agriculture production, will be tremendous.

It is good therefore, that plans are already moving to meet future demands. There is not much land left in the Willamette valley to be brought under profitable cultivation, but there still remains many ways of increasing the productivity of those lands already being cultivated; and one of the best is to get a controlled amount of water onto the land. An adequate supply of water added to chemically-developed fertilizers and plant food can, without question, make two strawberries grow where only one grew before. (Oregon City Enterprise-Courier).

## Lattimore and Vincent Deprived of Impartial Trial, Chance to Face Their Chief Accuser

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON — Owen Lattimore and John Carter Vincent are two of the silliest fellows this reporter has ever had the misfortune to know. They are additionally accused, at the moment, of being traitors to the United States. Maybe they are. But it is a duty to point out that the rights of these men to a fair trial has been, and is being, shockingly and slyly violated.

The unfairness lies in a simple fact. Vincent has, in effect, been tried on one set of charges and found guilty on quite another. The same thing is now happening to Lattimore. Above all, both men have been carefully deprived of any chance to answer the main accusation brought against them. The circumstances and timing of this main accusation against Vincent and Lattimore deserve careful study.

Late in 1945, Louis Budenz left the Communist Party and embarked on his present career as a professional ex-Communist. During the years 1946 through 1949, according to his own testimony, Budenz spent the incredible total of more than 3,000 hours tracing for the FBI the ramifications of the Communist conspiracy.

During these same years, Lattimore held an honored academic appointment, while Vincent occupied positions of the highest trust in the State Department. They were both immeasurably more important figures than the many other men Budenz was accusing to the FBI. Yet during four whole years and 3,000 hours of inquisition, from 1946 through 1949, the record shows that Budenz never once mentioned to the FBI that either Lattimore or Vincent was a secret Communist.

A built-in pick-up in Budenz's memory evidently began to operate in the winter of 1950, when Sen. Joseph E. McCarthy started his attack on Communists in government. In the ensuing commotion, Budenz first denounced Lattimore and later Vincent to

his FBI friends, and then accused them as "Communist Party members" in sworn public testimony. This belated recollection, unsupported by a shred of independent evidence, seemed a bit odd to say the least. The whole thing began to look downright fishy when Budenz later became the star witness to Sen. Pat McCarran's Internal Security Committee.

Budenz then, for the first time, made a specific statement about Lattimore and Vincent that could be checked against historic facts. He told the McCarran Committee that Lattimore and Vincent, acting as "members of the Communist Party" had been "killed on" to guide Henry A. Wallace "along the paths" of the Communist Party line on his mission to China in 1944.

The facts flatly refuted this first attempt of Budenz to document his charges. As it happened, the person who mainly guided the somewhat confused Vice President during his China mission was this reporter. Vincent helped to give his guidance in an important way. Lattimore did not guide Wallace at any time. The result of this reporter's and Vincent's guidance was an urgent recommendation. Wallace urged that President Roosevelt should remove General Joseph W. Stilwell, who strongly favored the Chinese Communists, from command in China, and should give the command to the stoutly anti-Communist General Albert C. Wedemeyer.

This was the strongest blow that could then be struck at the Communist cause in China. When Wedemeyer actually replaced Stilwell a few months later, the undoubted effect was to defer for a period of years. Hence the facts glaringly contradicted Budenz's sworn testimony. When asked to explain, Budenz only entangled himself in a further web of contradiction.

This reporter, then being reluctantly called by the McCarran Committee, therefore felt bound to recommend that the case of Louis Budenz be submitted to the Justice Department for investigation of perjury. As might have been expected, however, Sen. McCarran and his far from impartial investigators ignored all the evidence against Budenz

and instead recommended dire pains and penalties for Lattimore and Vincent.

The case of Vincent came before Sen. Hiram Bingham's Loyalty Review Board. The Board nimbly eluded any confrontation between Vincent and his chief accuser, and made no attempt whatever to sift the contradictions in Budenz's testimony. The Budenz testimony was skated over, and Vincent was held to be doubtfully loyal on the grounds of bad judgment and bad association, which in itself sets a very grave precedent.

The case of Lattimore is more curious still. If Lattimore perjured himself at all, he perjured himself most blackly and most completely when he denied Budenz's charge of Communist Party membership. By the same token, if Lattimore did not commit perjury in denying this charge, then Budenz must have committed perjury in making it. One man or the other is plainly a liar. In this connection, it is strikingly interesting that the leading China lobbyist, Albert Kohlbrenner, has recently testified that he did not believe that Lattimore is a Communist Party member. In short, Kohlbrenner proclaimed a disbelief in the sworn testimony of Budenz, with whom he has been intimately linked.

Yet the Justice Department's carefully drawn indictment entirely omits to accuse Lattimore of perjury on this one count that is crucial. Lattimore, like Vincent, is to be, refused the opportunity of confronting his chief accuser. He too is to be tried on charges essentially subsidiary.

This reporter would not put up a nickel of bail for either Vincent or Lattimore, and would give no word of testimony concerning them, except about the one incident known from direct experience—the curious incident of the real guidance of Henry Wallace in China in 1944. But whether these two men are guilty or innocent, the fact remains that the handling of their cases is a gross travesty of justice. If this kind of shifty, squalid trucking to public hysteria continues much longer, the sacred rights of American citizens will soon cease to be worth very much.

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## Comes the Dawn

Well, we now approach that frayed edge of the Yule season when those sluggards (including 90 per cent of us) who failed to take the commercial bull by the horns and do their Christmas shopping early are now wondering what in the heck to get the kiddies. For these undecided parents we make our annual list of suggested gifts for the kids. If you don't find these at local stores drop a line to the old boy at the North Pole.



**JUNIOR LET'S PLAY POLITICS SET.**  
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**JUST KIDS COWBOY AND INDIAN SET.** This is really a bargain offer. When you buy this set for your kiddies look what you get: (1) One dozen full-blooded Sioux Indians. (2) Thirty-acre section of the Mojave Desert. (3) Three genuine pony express riders. (4) Four tough hombres. (5) One column of U. S. Cavalry. (6) Three gallons of real blood. (7) One hundred assorted war whoops, death cries, women and children screams, bugle calls and arrow whistles. (8) Ten tall cliffs with pools of water at the bottom—suitable for leaping off into. (9) Two dyed-in-the-wool, tobacco-chewing, bewiskered Indian scouts, complete with sage remarks and hilarious repartee. (10) Twenty boxes of bloody bandages, strips of petticoats suitable for binding wounds, bullet-torn and arrow-pierced shirts, jackets and hats. (11) Three freight-cars full of dust—for sprinkling on men, horses and landscape. (12) 5,000 rounds of small-arms fire.

## Washington Mirror

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Apprehension is Santa's biggest headache this season in the Nation's capital.

Many a lame duck Congressman and top drawer bureaucrat has packed his valise and departed; but many more government employees are staying on in a state of apprehension, wondering whether Ike's new broom will sweep them out too.

Should they tighten their belts this Christmas, or should they spend what may be their last government paychecks?

Sensing this dilemma, a Washington chain store offered its solution through a full-page ad in local newspapers captioned AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES:

"We're not worried, why should you be? Since Nov. 4 there's been a lot of talk and speculation about the future. Thousands — and you may be one of them — have expressed fears about losing their jobs due to the change in administration. . . . It's true that there will be some changes made. It's only natural. But, based on what has gone before the changes will be relatively few — and we are prepared to guarantee our faith in the new administration, to prove our contention that you will retain your job, with the most earth shaking offer in our history!"

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"Furthermore, we will grant credit to any government employee regardless of party affiliation, regardless of department, agency or bureau, on the same basis as always."

A fellow who apparently wasn't deterred from doing some Christmas shopping in our town because he had been done out of a job by the Republican victory is Gov. Adlai Stevenson. Washington lawyer George W. Ball, longtime friend of Stevenson, joined the Illinois governor for a downtown shopping tour when he was in town recently. Stevenson and Ball parted at a crowded corner when the Governor's car came by to take him to the airport. As lawyer Ball walked off, a stranger button-holed him and asked:

"Who was that guy you were with? I'm sure I've seen him somewhere before."

Like the tinsel and the reindeer songs which tend to obscure the Christmas story of Bethlehem, the elaborate ceremony connected with moving the U. S. Constitution and the Dec-

laration of Independence overshadowed a story of reverence regarding these precious documents.

For more than 30 years the documents were the main attraction at the Library of Congress, until last week when they were carried in an armored car (their specially-built cases resting on G.I. mattresses to avoid road shock) to the National Archives, repository for our historical papers.

The uniformed guards at the Library who have watched over the Declaration and the Constitution during the long visiting hours, were saddest to see them moved, even though their new home includes a 50-ton vault into which the documents descend each night. For these guards have had the unique experience of observing tourists of all sorts, but Americans all, come to worship—literally worship—at the shrine of freedom.

They noted that a great cathedral would not have evoked a more reverent attitude from the persons who stepped up to examine the faint handwriting of Thomas Jefferson which begins, "When in the course of human events . . ." and goes on to declare the independence of the colonies from Britain; and the lettering which is prefaced by the familiar preamble, "We, the People of the United States . . ."

Many visitors knelt to pray before these powerful words, so many that the Library subsequently installed a marble kneeling bench. Some leaned forward to kiss the glass-topped case. And more than a few men and women turned to leave with cheeks dampened by the tears they could not control.

Significantly, the same week these documents were being moved the Supreme Court just across the street was demonstrating once again the vitality of the Constitution as it prepared to make another historical decision: Are the Constitutional rights of citizens being violated by states that separate black Americans from white Americans in tax-supported public school systems?

Court decisions across the years have made the 163-year-old Constitution a foundation for government today. The Americans whose reverence of freedom has brought them in droves to read the great document, to kneel and to pray, assure its strength tomorrow.

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## The Safety Valve

Commends Mrs. Bowen To the Editor:

I am greatly distressed by the news that Miss Marion Bowen of the County Welfare is to be transferred from Salem. I have been acquainted with Miss Bowen since she first came to Salem, and I know personally of many places where she has done commendable things and has shown excellent judgment in dealing with people.

My husband and I cannot see our good friend and the friend of many needy people in Marion County be dismissed from her office without voicing our concern, and express a hope that the matter may be reconsidered by those in authority.

Marion Bowen is a good woman, and has done a fine service for the people of Salem and Marion County. Those of us who know about her should make our ideas known.

Mrs. Jack Fong Chan  
284 N. Commercial St.,  
Salem, Ore.

Opposes Compulsion To the Editor:

It appears that Mr. John C. F. Merrifield would like to turn the pages back 500 years when religions were forced upon people. Doesn't he remember his history, how this great country was colonized by people seeking religious freedom? Whose Bible and what version would he choose that would satisfy all readers?

Mr. Merrifield surely knows that there are many faiths who do not use the Bible for spiritual guidance, nor do they look upon the book with the same view as do the United Churchmen.

Men in Mr. Merrifield's position could learn a lesson from Chester Horn, and in the capacity of senator, promote legislation that would yield greater rewards than what he proposes.

Max A. Brown  
Route 1, Box 248-X  
Stayton, Ore.

Would Douse More Lights To the Editor:

I stood on a busy street corner in Salem and it was less than two weeks until Christmas.

The crowds were there, the music, and the Salvation Army workers, and, yes, the lights too, but for me the wrong lights were burning.

I stared up at the Santas and bells hanging unlit amid their greenery, looking half-apologetic as though they thought it was a week after Christmas and someone had forgotten to take them

down or had hung them in July by mistake.

I miss all the Christmas lights and I think this is a good chance for the Downtown Merchants Ass'n. to show their good will to the townspeople by its members sacrificing their outdoor neons in favor of the "Christmas Look."

If there was some objection to this, but the majority still wanted to cooperate with Santa, couldn't there be a compromise with stores turning off neons and unnecessary lights at closing time?

"Spouse maybe?"  
Mrs. W. E. Hartley  
Salem, Ore.

(Editor's note: Many merchants already have reduced the hours of store lighting.)

## Air-Tight Cars Dangerous

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry warned Friday against riding in air-tight automobiles even in the coldest weather.

He said carbon monoxide poisoning, generally the result of defective exhaust equipment, are reported at frequent intervals in Oregon. Newbry said drivers should keep a window of their cars open at all times.

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