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Keep a Tight Lip

There's no need for Monroe Sweetland to introduce a bill to limit the number of witnesses at state executions. Oregon's law clearly states whom the penitentiary superintendent may invite and leaves the exact number to his discretion.

There were 73 men present when Morris Leland and Frank Payne died last week. Some of them laughed and talked during the execution. The prison chaplain said it was scandalous and Representative Sweetland thinks it is shocking; he wants to do something about it.

But restricting the number of witnesses wouldn't insure that execution observers would stand with heads solemnly bowed while a criminal breathed his last. Twenty callous men could make more noise than 80 sensitive individuals.

Of course there is the possibility that some of the witnesses at an execution wangled a pass "just for kicks." (There are always many requests for passes to executions.) These are the morbidly curious, the kind of people who stop at highway accidents to see the blood and guts or who tore wings off flies at an early age; the "vultures." It is the responsibility of the superintendent to see that no one of that ilk gets free entertainment at the death house.

Then there are policemen and prison guards who, for their own reasons, are relieved and glad to see Joe Blank "get his." It's up to the superintendent to have his men so well disciplined that they restrain their feelings in the presence of the defendant's relatives.

Society has come a long way since public floggings, beheadings, burnings-at-stake, and hangings where human beings were tortured to death for the edification and amusement of their neighbors. Once in Salem there was a public execution. We still have executions and they have to have witnesses. No law can prescribe how a witness must feel. Our best guarantee that executions will be conducted with dignity and decency is the caliber of the prison administration. Officials must see that witnesses keep a tight lip and throw them out if they don't.

Strong Team for State

In selecting Gen. Walter Bedell Smith for under secretary of state, President Eisenhower has turned to a trusted aide and adviser. Smith was Ike's right-hand man in the battle for Europe. His military experience has been added to since the war by service as ambassador to the USSR and more recently as chief of the central intelligence agency, the very nerve center of our incoming information.

This gives Smith excellent equipment to serve his country in this very important office. His residence in Moscow and his personal association with officials in the Kremlin, plus the knowledge he has gained of the world's trouble spots gives him a background both broad and

deep for confronting questions of foreign policy, most of which center in these days on relations between Russia and the West.

John Foster Dulles, the coming Secretary of State has done extensive work on Asia in connection with the Japan treaty and defense of the Pacific. With Smith the two should make a strong team on the diplomatic front. Maybe they can come up with the answers for this time of crisis.

Digging for the Truth

Evidently Elsinore castle wasn't the only place in Denmark where dark deeds were afoot. Ever since the death and burial of a young blonde, the widow of a very wealthy business man, which occurred 155 years ago rumors have persisted that she was buried alive. At this very late date a relative has obtained permission from the government to open the grave and see if the truth can be determined. One tale was that she had her skull bashed in, and the fractures of course still would show.

One wonders if the excavators expect to find her sitting up in her coffin, awaiting at long last release from her tomb, or the trumpet of Gabriel, whichever comes first. Or perhaps they will find her turned over in her grave, shocked at the tales which were spread about her. Our own prediction is that Hamlet's words will apply: "There's something rotten in the state of Denmark."

Extremists on the Right

The Oregon Labor Press warns its readers to keep their eyes open to the efforts of right-wing pressure groups to force reactionary legislation through congress. It reports the organization of "Operation America, Inc.," a sort of "clearing house and coordinator for other outfits with high-sounding names and Neanderthal ideas, such as the Committee for Constitutional Government, the National Economic Council and the Foundation for Economic Education."

Incorporation of the right-wing lobby shows that Republican Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was astute when she pointed out recently that fascism in America is growing:

"It is just as dangerous as communism—perhaps even more dangerous because fewer people have been alerted to its danger. . . . If you are an extremist on the left you call those who challenge you Fascists. If you are an extremist on the right you call those who challenge you a Communist."

Americans should be as aware of the danger of extreme rightism as they are of the danger of communism, for both extremes undermine our middle-of-the-road democracy, both work to divide Americans against Americans by emphasizing class and race and creed differences, both seek to split the United States from its allies abroad.

Arthur Godfrey Considered, for a Time, as Appointee to Psychological Warfare Board

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—By a narrow margin, the dynamic foreign policy of the Eisenhower administration is not, after all, to be enriched by the celebrated comedian, Arthur Godfrey. Judging by the Hooper ratings the appointment would have been popular. By any test, it would have been spectacular. But it is not to go through.

Even so, the incident is not without interest. In brief, President-elect Eisenhower and his Secretary of State-designate, John Foster Dulles, are getting together a special committee to consider the problems of psychological warfare. There has been much talk of reaching out behind the Iron Curtain. The committee is to decide what to do about it.

The first two proposed members of the new committee were William Jackson, former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and C. D. Jackson, publisher of "Fortune" magazine. The question then arose of Defense Department representation. The nature of the projected committee was explained to Defense Secretary-designate C. E. Wilson, and he was asked to name a man to speak for him. He proposed Godfrey on the theory that "Godfrey knows how to reach the mass mind."

Considerable consternation was caused by the idea of co-opting a public entertainer, however popular and admirable, for this sort of assignment. In

the end, the Godfrey idea was dropped. Other members of the committee as of now are likely to be Robert Cutler, the Boston lawyer-banker turned aide to Eisenhower; former Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray; Abbott Washburn, of the Committee for a Free Europe; and Barklie McKee Henry.

The intention to develop the projected committee's program in a very active way, is indicated by other personnel plans. In brief, William Jackson is likely to go on from the projected committee to the directorship of the Psychological Strategy Board, or whatever substitute body the new committee proposes. C. D. Jackson will quite probably become an Assistant Secretary of State with special duties concerning the Soviet and satellite areas. And there is talk that Washburn will be named a White House Administrative Assistant.

All this is interesting enough. But the Godfrey story, though sadly abortive, is certainly the most interesting plum in the whole pudding. It has, broadly speaking, two different kinds of meaning. First, Godfrey himself is certainly a splendid entertainer, and by all reports a courageous, decent and sensible man. The fact remains that his experience of the complex problems of foreign policy is, to say the least, pretty limited. In proposing Godfrey, one cannot help but feel that the Secretary of Defense-designate Wilson showed himself a sufferer from the Bryan illusion.

This is a view of the human requirements of national policy-making that was once voiced by the late William Jennings Bryan. With his voice grating with rage, Old Sen. Carter Glass used to tell the story: "Do you know what that fellow Bryan once said to me? He once said that any man with the head of a horse could write a banking act. The Bryan illusion, if it creeps into defense or foreign policy, can produce very odd, not to say very horrible consequences."

Second, the suggestion of God-

frey also betrayed another rather common error, best described as BBD&Oism, if one may borrow the initials of some deservedly famous hucksters. BBD&Oism is the notion that communism can be peddled to less enlightened breeds of men by the same brilliant techniques which serve to sell soap flakes, deodorants, tea, automobiles and other necessities and semi-necessities of the American way of life.

Unfortunately, this is not true. Democracy cannot be peddled like soap flakes. There are, moreover, a series of highly difficult and delicate questions involved in the kind of program the new committee is to draw up. From the standpoint of simple common sense, for instance, the Kremlin is strengthening its Iron Curtain every day and every week. Are the vast expenditures worthwhile, that are needed to overcome the Soviet radio jamming, microwave transmission and other Iron Curtain measures?

Again, it is wise to make a great immediate effort to promote resistance movements in the Iron Curtain countries when the Red Army who are discovered will only be condemned to the dreadful fate of the Poles in the premature Warsaw uprising against Hitler? And suppose there is Titoism in one of the satellites—say Czechoslovakia. Is now known, quite positively, that the Red Army will move to stamp out the next satellite government that shows Titoist tendencies. Are we prepared to move our forces to, in order to protect these new Titoists?

These are not questions that can be answered by the techniques prevalent in advertising agencies. These are not difficulties that can be overcome by "reaching the mass mind" of the enslaved peoples in the way that Arthur Godfrey reaches many American families. It is naive, amazingly naive, to make such suppositions. And this kind of naivete can be dangerous in the extreme.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Building parking lots away from the center of the city isn't practical, gentlemen... think of the cost of rebuilding the heart of the city around the parking lots!"



Maybe true and maybe not but reports have it that Lawrence Harvey already has been informally assured that his application for UHF Channel 24 in Salem has been granted. If such is true, best guess for initial operation in Salem is mid-summer. But it's no time for bets yet. The KSLM-KGAE fight for VHF Channel 3 might be a dagger, by the way.

Just in case anyone gets the idea that Tele-Vine is replacing the Comes the Dawn column on this page, the answer is no. Comes the Dawn, written by a saved-off reporter whose depth of expressive humor no one would suspect by looking at him, will be here loud and often. And incidentally, he can't be blamed for Tele-Vine. That's another guy. Comes the Dawn knows what he is talking about.

Monday at the statehouse: 1st legislator—"You remember the Chicago conventions?" Second same—"Yeah, why?" "Well, they never knew when someone had a TV telescopic lens on people and a guy didn't hardly dare scratch his back." "Good gosh, that's right" (peering around nervously—and expectantly.) The legislature WILL be televised, at that. But not all the time.

The argument about the best antennae is going to get out of hand if we don't watch out. It wasn't so long ago that a Corbin Duplex bicycle brake was far superior to a New Departure, or maybe it was vice versa. And the relative merit of tennis rackets (Nassau, Spaulding, etc.) also was the subject of heated juvenile argument. Then came hydraulic and mechanical auto brakes, and now TV antennae. Let's just say all have their purposes and good points.

TV dealers in the Salem area aren't joking about their Code of Ethics and organizing for fair business methods. Around 90 per cent are represented in the new Television Association of Salem, with members from Silverton, Dallas, Mt. Angel, Stayton, Jefferson, Turner and other points. Lou Mitchell is chairman, Cecil Farnes is secretary, Bernie Wallig is treasurer. On the governing board are Bill Marr, Mack Tiano and Ray Moore. No such group ever has a 100 per cent membership, and non-membership should carry no particular onus. But it's a good deal anyway.

The Safety Valve

Would Not Exploit

To the Editor:
We were delighted to see Mrs. Harold Hunt's article in The Oregon Statesman of Jan. 9th, in regard to the idea of setting up a memorial to the Wilson brothers. We want to commend Mrs. Hunt on possessing sufficient stamina to express her mind on the question.

We look to our minister at guides and advisers in all things good; and right so. When we can't look to them any longer, for such guidance and advice, then we are lost, as far as the attainment of higher, more noble and holy things in life are concerned. We approve Mrs. Hunt's judgment: that the memorial spoken of, to be set up, belongs to Jo Ann Dewey—and not to brutes and deliberate killers. Far be it from us to attempt to advise the editors; but we cannot refrain from questioning the wisdom of displaying disreputable characters in photo and story, to the youth to our community, state and nation.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Socolofsky
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Discusses Welfare Problem

To the Editor:
When the Welfare Commission first announced its decision to transfer Mrs. Rademaker, Mrs. Condon, Miss Phelps and Miss Bowen, I felt a sense of disappointment. It appeared to me that this action expressed an inability to properly solve a problem in the Marion County Division. Rather than probe the trouble to its roots, the decision seemed to be to eliminate the trouble by eliminating everyone concerned in the controversy. Such a decision would have been fair had all four parties been equally at fault. However, if it is assumed that of these four ladies, some were thoroughly justified in their position, the action taken

was hardly the best solution possible.

As a friend of Mrs. Rademaker, I have become familiar with her side of this dispute. Also, as a friend and acquaintance of several of the welfare case workers who worked in the Marion County division until recently, I have noticed that each has found working conditions unsatisfactory there. Certainly they have been convinced that they had just cause for their discontent. However, as a friend I cannot claim impartiality.

The Marion County Commission and Miss Howard, the state administrator, have undoubtedly reviewed the case at great length. Doubtless their decision was made with the best interests of the welfare program in mind. Mrs. Condon and Mrs. Rademaker have accepted this decision in good grace. Now that the case has been thoroughly reviewed, the decision made, and two of the principals have left, it is to be expected that the decision will continue to hold for all concerned. Miss Howard is to be commended for insisting that no exceptions will be made at this late date. Such exception would cast the utterly false implication that Mrs. Condon and Mrs. Rademaker had been the sources of the trouble, and this would be a completely indefensible position.

If any change in the decision is to be made, it can be made with justice only after a hearing in which all of those involved have a chance to present their evidence and testimony.

G. A. Richardson
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Editor's Note: We have had numerous letters on the subject of administration of the Welfare department; and now will close the Safety Valve to further discussion. A further letter from Earl J. Reynolds, 1205 Alder St., states that eight new workers joined the welfare department staff since March, 1952, and two former employees returned. He

Ceremony Adds 24 Cardinals to Catholic Church

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

VATICAN CITY (U. S. — Twenty-four new princes were added to the college of Cardinals Monday in the richly colorful traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. The majesty of the ritual was tempered by sorrow, with Pope Pius XII expressing his grief that the new cardinals were unable to leave Communist-occupied lands to receive their honors in person.

They are Alojzije Cardinal Stepinac of Yugoslavia and Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski of Poland.

The 24 new cardinals are from 13 nations and include 66-year-old James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles, a native New Yorker who left a job in Wall Street to study for the priesthood. The College of Cardinals, the senate of the church, Monday night represented 27 countries and is at full strength of 70 for the first time in two centuries.

The Pope, robed in red and white, spoke from his high throne in the stately marble Consistorial Hall of Vatican palace to 22 previously named members of the college, garbed in ermine-trimmed scarlet.

Briefly, he explained his reasons for choosing new cardinals and then intoned the ancient question, "Quid vobis...?" (What do you think of it?)

The assembled princes silently rose, removed their red skull caps and bowed their heads in sign of homage and agreement.

Thereupon, four teams of liveried papal messengers sped with the bigliettos, the written official notification of elevation, to the new cardinals waiting in Rome's various seminaries and pontifical colleges.

Stepinac Case

In his address the Pope touched directly on the furor over his nomination of Cardinal Stepinac, primate of Yugoslavia, and said: "It is especially far from the truth to say that we decreed his admittance into your sacred college with the intention of ending the political authorities by proclamation."

He spoke of Stepinac as a venerable brother and said he embraced him in spirit "with fatherly love." He added that he forgave the "exceptionally violent language" of Yugoslav authorities. The new cardinal was in lonely solitude in the little Yugoslav village of Krasic. He declared he would not come to Rome to receive the red hat, emblem of his new office, because he might not be allowed to return.

Convicted on a charge of wartime collaboration with the Germans, Cardinal Stepinac was conditionally released 13 months ago

after serving five years of a 16-year prison term.

The same fear of not being allowed to return home apparently moved Archbishop Wyszynski to remain in Poland. Of him, the Pope said:

"The reasons for his failure to come are until now unknown to us."

"It is very certain, however—and we desire that it be known to all—that we, when we determined to raise him to the dignity of the Roman purple, not only intended to reward fittingly this archbishop, so well deserving of the church, but we intended besides to give a high testimony of our vivid paternal affection for the most noble Polish nation."

On Wednesday, each new cardinal will receive his biretta, or square crimson cardinal's cap, and his zucchetto, or red skull cap, at another ceremony. The broad-rimmed red cardinal's hat will be given each at a public consistory Thursday.

SP Named in Damage Suits

PORTLAND (U. S. — Damage suits have been filed in federal court here, against the Southern Pacific railroad, asking \$90,000 for the deaths of two men in Lane County accidents.

Mrs. Teresa E. Eastman sued for \$75,000 for the death of her husband, Eric, 57, at Eugene last October. A railroad car repairman, Eastman was fatally injured when hit by a dumper car.

Mrs. Louise Houdaschek asked \$15,000 for the death of her husband, E. E. Houdaschek, 26, fatally injured when his car was hit at a Springfield crossing.

Perfect Attendance At Kiwanis Meet

There was perfect attendance at a district Kiwanis committee meeting Sunday at the home of Dr. Henry Morris in Salem.

And there should have been for the group was a district attendance committee and its six members all have perfect attendance at their club since becoming members of the service organization. Altogether the six men had 102 years' perfect attendance. Members are Dr. Morris, chairman, with a 31-year attendance record; Leo McClain, Albany, 27 years; Ben Ramseyer, Salem, 23 years; Sidney Taylor, McMinnville, 11; Bert Edwards and Elmo Lindholm, both of Salem with 5 years each.

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By D. C. WILLIAMS

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British Drive For 'Trade, Not Aid' Launched

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst
The British campaign for "trade, not aid," predicated on a demand for removal of American tariff barriers, has gone into high gear—perhaps prematurely.

Britain wants to try to bridge the dollar gap and thus bring sterling back into the fold of hard currencies. Her top leaders, right up to Churchill, have joined the effort to convince the United States that it is to the general benefit of everyone.

R. A. Butler, Britain's chancellor of the exchequer, says "the right policies for a creditor country like the U. S. include readiness to receive imports, and to let foreign goods compete in their domestic market without artificial obstructions."

In the U. S. that touches particularly upon tariff policy and tariff procedure, quota restrictions, Buy American legislation, shipping discriminations and subsidies.

Moreover, the trade, not aid, policy would be greatly strengthened by a continuation and expansion of U. S. overseas investment, both governmental and private. . . . Reasonably steady American purchases of raw materials, at reasonable world market and economic prices, would be a very great help."

British negotiators are expected to bring their proposals directly to Washington very soon, perhaps even next month. If they do, they are likely to run into an American situation which has not jelled.

They will have the support, in the main, of the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce. But there is a strong movement in both business and government circles to effect a date all U. S. activities in the international economic field under one agency. The argument over this seems likely to keep policy unsettled for a much greater time than the British are inclined to wait. And if the idea is ultimately adopted, organizational delays will be added.

The British, unless they are to add to the natural hesitations of a traditionally protectionist country, must also be prepared to answer promptly a very pointed question. That will be: "What commitments are you willing to make against trade with the Iron Curtain countries?"

Andrei Gromyko, the nimble Russian ambassador to London, has spent a great deal of effort trying to make a new trade deal with the British. The U. S. takes a dim view of anything which helps the Communist economy and thereby eases the pinch put on Iron Curtain peoples by the Kremlin's emphasis on heavy, or war, industry.

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