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No 'No Vacancies'

Too many "No Vacancy" signs tend to speed a traveler through town and on into the next city, one local motel operator told a meeting of Chamber of Commerce leaders and hotel and motelmen this week, and it is very true.

There is nothing so discouraging to a weary motorist as a long series of neon "No" signs. The impression is one of inhospitality; the traveler gets the idea the people here don't care whether he gets a place to stay the night or not.

Thus as the tourist season opens and Salem gets ready to play host during a busy convention schedule, hotelmen and motor court managers may well consider the suggestion, advanced at their recent meeting, to decrease or eliminate "No Vacancy" signs. Instead, motelmen with a "full house" could politely refer their potential customers to a court which has vacancies. Local hotels already perform this service to some extent.

Efficient operation of such a referral service would mean that some kind of central listing would have to be arranged, so that the room-seeking motorist won't be sent on a fruitless search from motel to motel. It wouldn't do to have one operator tell the motorist simply that there's a vacancy "on up the road piece." Rather, the operator could make a specific reservation for the motorist by phone.

Whatever arrangement the businessmen concerned make, their idea of making visitors to Oregon's capital city feel welcome and wanted is good. The friendly efforts of one "full" motel manager to find the customer a place will make the same affirmative impression that a customer gets when a store, which does not carry the requested item, courteously refers the buyer to a competitor who does. In the long run, this policy pays off in good will and better business all around.

The closing of the State theater here "due to a film shortage and competition from television" is bad news for movie-goers who looked to the State for re-showing of fine pictures which were missed on their first run in the city or quality "art" films and foreign films which evidently didn't have the box-office appeal to rate showings at the larger movie-houses. Officials said the State may reopen this summer when the transient harvest workers swell the local movie-going population. Supposedly the hop-pickers don't have TV sets. But it may be they too are saving their money to buy video and won't be going to shows, either!

Governor Earl Warren has been designated by President Eisenhower as one of the American official party to represent him at the inauguration of Queen Elizabeth II on June 6th. He is directed to be there by May 30th "at the latest." Whether that is to be sure of a seat in the hall or to learn his cues we do not know. Mrs. Warren is going too; and if they take their three daughters, Nina, Virginia and Dorothy, England will see a very fine sample of the American family.

City Four-H Club Work

Our sympathies go out to the budget committee of the city council which is straining itself to achieve a balanced budget within the six per cent limitation. Its proposal for eliminating penny parking (making a nickel the minimum) met with sharp resistance, so the budget is thrown under closer scrutiny to see if savings in outgo can be made. With no desire to add to the woes of the budgeters the Statesman hopes that they will not find it necessary to discontinue the city Four-H program. In effect now some four years it has shown steady growth in number of clubs and of members. The value of Four-H club work in the country long was recognized, and its extension to cities was welcomed. Projects undertaken by city clubs include several in home economics, others in gardening, forestry, woodworking, etc. Carried on under guidance they not only occupy time of youth but give them worthwhile training. This work does not compete with other youth work, but supplements it, and reaches boys and girls who might not be attracted to other organizations.

So we hope this program will not become a casualty if it possibly can be avoided.

The current "open-door" policy in Moscow—with visiting newspapermen permitted to talk to the Russian man-in-the-street and the mutual toasting in vodka—must seem especially ironic to George F. Kennan, former ambassador to Moscow. Kennan was declared persona non grata and ousted by the Russians for criticizing the lack of contact between foreigners and the Russian people in the Soviet capital. Kennan now seems to be persona non grata with the Eisenhower administration for criticizing the GOP's "liberation" policies. There's irony in the loss to the nation's service of this brilliant mind and informed student of the USSR.

A wirephoto shows two little Dutch girls standing in a field of daffodils. This is standard spring-time stuff except that the picture looks more like the Willamette Valley than like our idea of Holland in bulb-flower season. The young ladies are wearing "peddle-pushers." We always thought Holland misses were those colorful wide skirts and white-winged Dutch hats when tip-toeing through the tulips! There are some American customs and costumes we wish would not be exported.

Corvallis will not succumb to the lures of Demon Rum by licensing any liquor-by-the-drink places under the new law. But Philomath, a few miles to the west, will. Philomath used to be so pious a town that separate churches of the same denomination flourished. Now it will serve as Corvallis' drinking place.

The Board of Control has given the new warden authority to hire 10 additional guards. This makes one wonder if part of the previous trouble at the prison was due to lack of guards, and if Warden O'Malley had asked for more. Presumably they are needed or they would not have been hired, but that's a lot of guards to hire at one institution at one sitting.

Central Oregon Community college at Bend is offering some unique extension courses, one on juvenile delinquency and another on alcohol studies. After old college requirements in Greek and Latin this is going modern with a vengeance.

Even if peace does come in Korea we'll have to keep troops there a long time, says President Eisenhower. In brief, none of this getting the boys home by Christmas.

U. S. Has Much to Lose, or Gain, if Russians Take Lead in Solving Germany's Problems

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

The panic is understandable. Even a seemingly serious offer by the Soviets to negotiate a reasonable German peace treaty is almost certainly German. On this point, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and his advisers see eye to eye with the leading American officials. Both the Americans and the Germans are so convinced that a new Soviet move in Germany is inevitable that this prospect, and what to do about it, have been the chief subject of anxious discussions since Adenauer came to Washington.

If a German peace treaty should actually be negotiated, more-over, the basis of Western strategy will be twisted out of shape. The Soviets will certainly demand the withdrawal of all occupying forces as a condition of agreement. This is, at least in German eyes, by no means too high a price to pay for Germany unity. But where else on the continent, fearful officials ask, can American troops be stationed? And how can the West be sure that a sovereign Germany will not ultimately ally itself with the Soviet Union?

Yet some of the bolder policy makers hold that such fears are irrational. It is almost inconceivable, they say, that the Soviets are really serious about a German peace treaty. If the Soviets are merely planning a wrecking operation, they say, it is easy enough to find this out. As if they weren't already ready to get out of East Germany, then we are well on the way to winning the cold war.

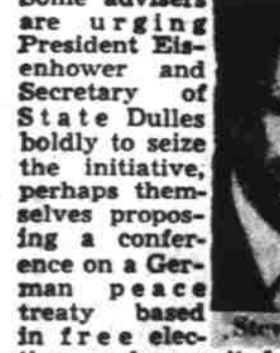
These bolder spirits point to certain clear tests of Soviet intention. There will be no German peace treaty without an Austrian peace treaty—this is already agreed among the Western allies. With both treaties signed, the Soviets would be legally obliged to withdraw all their troops back to the Soviet borders. The Western powers would demand absolute proof that this obligation had been fulfilled. Another test is the eastern territory taken from Germany by Poland. Can the Soviets withdraw this territory from their Polish allies, and turn it over to Poland's ancient enemy, while Soviet troops were being withdrawn from Poland?

If so, it will be most dangerous for the Western powers to remain frozen in position. Here it is worth recalling a remark which Berlin's brave Mayor, Ernst Reuter, made some time ago to one of the reporters. He pointed to a map of divided Germany on the wall of his office. "No one with a sense of history," Reuter said, "can believe that Germany will stay divided very much longer." In national policy, it is best to be on the side of history.

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FAIR AND WARMER



Comes the Dawn

March newsletter... clip and send... Col. James R. Luper, 38, former Salemite, killed in AF crash at Omaha... Charles Drury Stayton, grandson of founder of Stayton, dies March 4... McMinnville weekly News Register goes daily... Sheriff confiscates 35 slot machines in a Silverton warehouse... Meier & Frank store of Portland announces plans to build a big branch store in Salem in mid-1954 on block where old Salem high school building now stands (N. High and Marion)... Gunman gets big haul from Salem Safeway Store...

Trappist monks to build monastery near Lafayette west of Newberg... Three Lashby firm partners corner onion market—but end up with little more than tears in their eyes... Mt. Angel bank daylight-robbed of \$18,000 by 17-year-old Hermiston youth, nabbed couple hours later near Mill City... OPS ceilings gone and coffee in Salem (and elsewhere) percolates to 95 cents per pound (Java see it fall)... Echo High wins state basketball B tourney in Salem (beats Elgin), Jefferson High takes third... First local basketball on TV in this area seen during NCAA regional playoffs at Corvallis...

Am. Legion Post 9 plans to sell post building and grounds (3 acres) on S. Commercial St. to somebody—no-body knows whom... Salem fathers plan to rezoned entire city—brings wails of anguish from lots of residents, praise from others... Liquor-by-drink in Oregon passed into law... New St. Joseph's Catholic Church dedicated with impressive program and large crowds... Plans readied to develop city park on Willamette River bank in West Salem between Center St. and railroad bridges—boat docks to go in there soon and park to be open for picnickers this summer... Salem and Dallas Highs go to state basketball A tourney but both eliminated.

WU juniors win fresh glee for third straight year... Marine FFC Lloyd Finner, 34, Salem, killed in action in Korea March 19... Big alumna plant north of Salem sold by government to Lawrence Hertz, same guy whose going to open a TV station in Salem next fall... Howard Fitzgerald, Dallas Boy Scout, gets scouting gold lifeguard medal for saving two brothers in home fire at Valsek last Sept... Barbara Paulson, Woodburn, wins Statesman-KSLM spelling contest... Salem High reports it expects its best basketball team ever this year... Salem YMCA regional BB champs go to national Y tournament at High Point, N.C., but lose early.

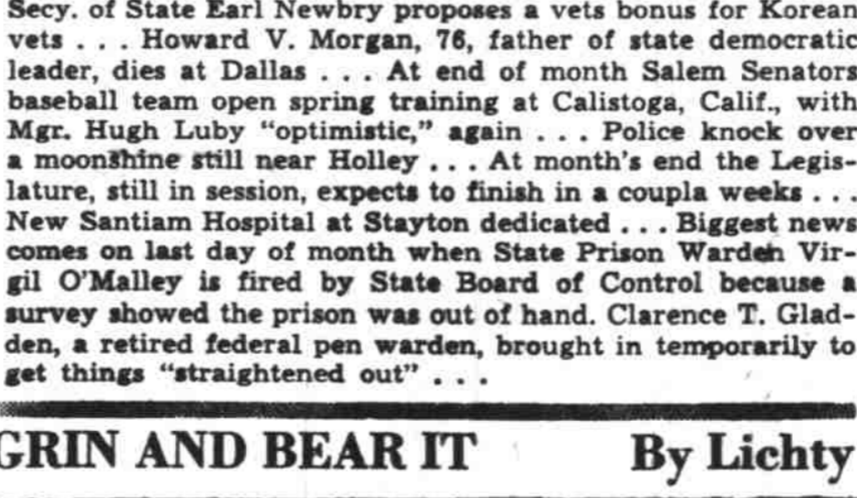
Hugh Fisher, 80, former Marion County assessor, dies... Mr. and Mrs. James Scott (he worked at Oregon Pulp & Paper for past 25 years) both burn to death in house fire... Secy. of State Earl Newby proposes a vets bonus for Korean vets... Howard V. Morgan, 76, father of state democratic leader, dies at Dallas... At end of month Salem Senators baseball team open spring training at Calistoga, Calif., with Mgr. Hugh Luby "optimistic" again... Police knock over a moonshine still near Holley... At month's end the Legislature, still in session, expects to finish in a couple weeks... New Santiam Hospital at Stayton dedicated... Biggest news comes on last day of month when State Prison Warden Virgil O'Malley is fired by State Board of Control because a survey showed the prison was out of hand. Clarence T. Gladden, a retired federal pen warden, brought in temporarily to get things "straightened out"...

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



... So I thought I'd consolidate all my debts with your plan and just have the finance company hounding me.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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and as it helps or hurts economies of foreign countries is one of the most difficult ones the administration must face. The recent sharp slump in exports of farm products—wheat, cotton, rice, corn—results in accumulation of surpluses here which the government takes over under loan agreements with producers. At the same time the government erects a tariff against imports of dairy products to furnish protection to the presently embarrassed dairy industry; and this hurts those countries like New Zealand, the Netherlands, Denmark where such products are a very important part of their export trade.

In his message to Congress President Eisenhower posed the issue clearly when he said:

This problem embraces the need to develop through co-operative action among the free nations, a strong and self-supporting economic system capable of providing both the military strength to deter aggression and the rising productivity that can improve living standards.

A solution will not be found in glib phrases like "Trade, not aid." Nor will it be found in rigid adherence to ancient dogma either of free trade or high protection. In fact it will be hard to find any solution which will not hurt some even though its overall effect is good.

The approach of President Eisenhower is the proper one. He isn't shooting from the hip; he is waiting until the targets are clear and the means for hitting them sorted out. Better this than trying some quickie cure.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "There were less than forty apples in the box, and she cut each of them in half."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "scion"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Furlough, fulcrum, fulcrum, fulsome.

4. What does the word "convivial" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with bl that means "a lover of books"?

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SLATE EX-WARDEN EUGENE (P)-Oregon's former prison warden, Virgil O'Malley, is scheduled to speak here Saturday night at the annual banquet of the Oregon Young Democratic Clubs. The banquet is part of a celebration which opened...

Salem Enters Speech Finals First Aidmen Treat Three For Injuries

Five Salem High School students and a Dallas girl gained finals rounds in competition Friday at opening day of the annual Oregon High School Speech Tournament at Corvallis, the Associated Press reported.

In the finals today will be Ronald Anderson, discussion; George Matter and Karen Johnson, extemporaneous; Carol Warren, poetry; William Cook and Anderson, radio speaking; Matter, serious reading. The Dallas High girl, In Bartel, is in the poetry finals.

Finalists were not yet determined in after-dinner speaking, in which Salem's Louise Owens and James Cowgill are entrants. Debating also will be concluded today. In all contests some 150 top speech students from 37 Oregon high schools are taking part.

Three Salem youngsters were treated by first aidmen Friday—two for head cuts and one for drinking a bottle of ant poison. None was seriously hurt.

Two-year-old Rose Sigman, 1111 6th St., apparently suffered no ill effects after drinking a bottle of ant poison in her home about 7:15 Friday night.

First aidmen pumped out her stomach and a doctor was called. Cub Scout Robert Havelka, 9, of 1008 N. Winter St., sustained a one-inch gash on his head when he fell from a small cart loaded with boxes about 4 p.m. First aidmen dressed the wound and advised his scoutmaster to take him to a doctor for stitches.

Six-year-old Mike Carter, 1870 N. Church St., was treated for a cut over his eye after he fell while playing shortly before 1 p.m.

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