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## Sultan to Corsica

After juggling the issue for several days the French deposed the Sultan of Morocco and deported him and two of his sons to the island of Corsica. Before this they had resisted the efforts of the Berber tribesmen who previously had deprived Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef of his spiritual authority over the Moslems of Morocco. The Berber leader, Pasha El Glaoui of Marrakesh, had tried at the same time to strip the Sultan of his temporal powers. The French declared they were obligated under the treaty establishing the French Protectorate over the kingdom to safeguard the person of the Sultan. When the warlike Berbers began to march on the capital at Rabat the French ditched the Sultan, ostensibly to prevent bloody warfare. Actually the Sultan has been a thorn in the side of the French because he refused to approve the French orders for local reforms, demanding instead a larger measure of independence.

The nationalist movement has been strong in Morocco but the Berbers oppose the nationalists and have backed up French rule. This division among the population has been used by the French as an argument for continuing the Protectorate. At the UN General Assembly last fall when the Arab-Asian group brought up the question of Morocco and Tunis the French delegation stayed out of the meeting in protest against consideration of the questions. At heart the French probably welcome the excuse to deport the Sultan—perhaps they encouraged the Berber uprising.

## Change of Mind or Change of Pace

It is by no means clear whether the new Department of the Interior power policy represents a change of mind or change of pace. Perhaps something of both. A change of mind from the Ickes dream of general public ownership of power systems; and a change of pace in the way of heel-dragging by the government on those projects lying within Interior's definition of those which the federal government should build.

Whatever the change it does illustrate that governments may be fickle as well as individuals. The New Deal invasion of the power field of the Northwest pretty well paralyzed efforts of local distributing systems, public and private, to meet their own needs for power. Some exceptions, of course.

Now we may expect a scramble as distributing systems shake a leg to provide more generating capacity. The new dams will take care of expanded needs for a few years; but there will have to be fresh "starts" soon or we'll have a recurring brownout.

Joe McCarthy has flushed a bookbinder in the government printing office who is accused of being a commie back in 1938. If Joe is getting down to such small fry he must be running out of material.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times has surprised its readers by telling them about poison hemlock. News to us too. All the poison hemlock we ever heard of was what Socrates drank. Poison oak we know well enough to avoid.

Some of the theaters are planning to install 3-D. We think we'll wait though for the real enterpriser who puts in the fourth dimension.

## It's Not the Postman

If your doorbell rings some day and a somewhat embarrassed civil servant greets you when you open the door and asks you if you've paid your income tax don't grab the broom or the rolling pin. He can show his credentials if you ask him to; and he probably doesn't like the assignment any more than you like to have him ask such a question. He is merely doing his duty on the orders of the Internal Revenue Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews.

A law passed in 1928 requires the revenue collectors to canvass their districts from time to time to see if persons liable to a tax have paid. This seems to be the first year the mandate is being complied with literally. The "new broom" in Washington evidently is determined to sweep clean, especially where there is tax delinquency.

If you have paid your tax your visitor will tip his hat and go on down the street. If you haven't he may tarry a while to ask "How come?" This check-up is spotted, not universal; but it may prompt tardy folk to pay up on their tax installments. Better answer the door bell. This government agent, unlike the postman, may ring more than twice.

Rails, trucks and planes are in hot competition for business; but pipelines keep edging in and taking business without much fanfare. Over 9000 miles of pipeline for conveying oil and oil products were laid in the past two years. Experiments are even going forward on moving coal by pipeline, first crushing it fine then propelling it in a water bath. A big pipeline to convey petroleum from the Alberta fields to tidewater is nearing completion; and rival companies are competing for the privilege of transporting natural gas to the Pacific Northwest. Next to water transport pipelines offer the cheapest form of conveyance for gas and liquids.

Salem's streets are quite well marked, and the new concrete sign posts are quite attractive. But still there is no street marker at one of the busiest intersections, N. Capitol and Center. There are all sorts of highway and "one-way" signs; but none designating the streets. A lone sign says "State Hospital" and points out Center street. The city's sign department should install correct markers there.

Why don't the Reds release Maj. Gen. Dean? He has been a prisoner since the early days of the war and should have been among the first to be repatriated. Surely they haven't accused him of "war crimes."

Now that Russia has the H-bomb too the importance of the "trigger finger" is vastly increased.

## Editorial Comment

**WE BORROWED THE LIMIT**  
The Oregon Highway commission has sold another \$32 million bond issue, making a total of \$72 million borrowed against the state's future revenues from gasoline taxes and motor vehicle licenses. This is all that the legislature authorized, and as we understand it, the state is now in hock to the full legal debt limit for highway construction.

The first \$40 million already has been spent on paper, and contracts will be let for expenditure of the new bond money within the near future, the commission says. It looks as though all of this money is to be spent without providing one of Oregon's greatest highway needs—a four-lane road between Salem and Portland. A large part of the new money will go into the Wilsonville cutoff expressway, but even that will not be completed. And when it is finally finished, probably with money borrowed against revenues of the still-more-distant future, we will have an express highway leading into the most congested section of over-crowded west Portland.

This kind of planning may be good for west Portland business but it is not furthering an adequate system of state highways.—Canby Herald.

## Anglo-Iranian Oil Dispute Compromise Would Be Fatal to Iran's New Regime

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.  
Associated Press News Analyst  
No word has come from Tehran yet, beyond the known friendliness of the Shah toward the West, to indicate that the royalist coup holds any great promise of settlement of the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute.

All the evidence as we know it is that the best way the new regime could kill itself aborting would be for it to display any sign of compromise at this point.

There was some hope in British and American circles that eventually, if Iran's internal affairs could be improved somewhat, an atmosphere would be created in which there might be a settlement of British claims to compensate for the oil field expropriation. In that event, the Western powers would be disposed to help Iran get her oil back on the market, although it would mean some pretty drastic adjustments in the world oil industry, which has expanded in the last two years to do without it.

There was little or no hope, and no particular desire, for a return of the British to the fields. Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. stock went up at the news, presumably on the hope of compensation rather than return. The company long ago turned its full operating interests elsewhere.

The chief interest for the moment lay in whether the victors in Wednesday's fighting would be able to hold the position they have won, and in so doing halt the slide of Iran into the arms of Russia.

The chief worry lay in the fact that during all of the hubbub nothing has been heard from the Tudeh (Communist) Party, which, although technically outlawed, has been described as the most cohesive political force in Iran.

It seemed to be lying back, watching for a break.

There was no tendency to underestimate the remaining strength of the forces of ousted Premier Mossadegh, and what might happen if they combined with the Tudeh, as

they have shown signs of doing in the past, for counterattack.

One of the volatile factors in the situation was Ayatollah Khashani, leader of a fanatical, nationalist and murderous religious sect who has walked first one way, and then another, to further his own political interests. At different times he has worked both with and against Mossadegh, both with and against the Communists, and for the moment he supports the royalist coup. He would hardly seem a dependable ally.

The new regime seems to have the army and the police. It has heavy support from the northern

tribes, traditional foes of Communism. But intrigue runs sharply through all elements in Iran, making any lineup look like quicksilver. None of them look like cooperation with the West, though if the Shah now chooses to use the support which he only just learned he has, some semblance of cooperation might be resumed officially even if it didn't go very deep among the people.

But even an entirely victorious Shah could not restore the old contractual oil arrangement with Britain. The best anyone can do now is keep Russia out.

## Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS  
**THE GOOD-FOR-NOTHING**, by James Yaffe (Atlantic-Little, Brown; \$3.50).

Norman Kramer, over-worked, over-consciousness, is bowled under the weight of troubles... his brother Leo's troubles. Norman is the elder, indeed though only 32 the Elder of the entire Jewish clan of Kramer, whether the rich or only fairly comfortable branch, has appointed himself his brother's keeper. He is the drudge. When he can't handle Leo, he has to call in relatives, which serves constantly to remind them of his drudgery.

At the very start of this novel, Leo is in a jam. Playing cards at the club, he slipped one out of his sleeve and got caught by Manny Feldspan, who can have him barred from all New York clubs for life. Norman knows this isn't the first time, for there have been hiked checks and other offenses, but since he still feels Leo must be saved, he

appeals to wealthy, complacent Uncle Myron, and once more gets Leo off the hook.

The family spares Norman and spoils Leo. For good patient Norman's sake they finally cook up a scheme to marry the good-for-nothing to rich Brenda Goldhill from Omaha, Neb. Everybody is in on the game. Uncle Myron and Aunt Ruth, the brothers' insipid mother, Leo himself, everybody, that is except Norman, and they all intend to conceal it from him.

There are scenes of recrimination, with Norman telling Leo how shameworthy he is, and Leo turning angry, then softening, then softening Norman himself. Norman tries to shame him out of the marriage, even thinks of telling the sordid story to Brenda.

There are ingenious switches of mood, and a deft treatment of incident. I like Yaffe in the light moments which seem to come naturally; when he's serious, the wheels creak.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Naturally, I stand for the 'greatest good for the greatest number'... what's that got to do with my running for re-election next year?"

## Inside TV

# TV Declared to Be In Need of Writers

BY EVE STARR  
NEW YORK—TELETRIAL: Those big fat checks which the networks are handing TV's top performers are fine and dandy. The performers are probably worth it. But "a performer is only as good as his material."

A few of those fat checks should be waved in the general direction of the writers. Much of the hackneyed material now fed to a suffering TV audience is the direct result of poor writing. That's because, with few exceptions, good writers are not being lured to TV—the pay is better elsewhere.

The countless soap operas, poor comedies and westerns are rapidly becoming a drug to most viewers. There's a crying need for good writing—but it won't come about on a mass scale until the "hire-men" realize one simple fact: "The play's the thing."

It is gratifying to note that two stations, WSAZ in Huntington, West Virginia, and WBEW, in Buffalo, N. Y., took a firm stand against bringing horror scenes into homes by refusing film clips from the Paramount chiller, "War of the Worlds."

The management of the Huntington station declared that "a horror picture of this caliber is perhaps suited best to theater entertainment where the viewer has a wide latitude of choice as to whether he will attend or not."

The management of the Buffalo station was more direct, declaring that such scenes would scare children.

The action by these two stations may cause others to stop and ponder. The parade of brutality, ranging from knifings to shootings, has been a constant irritation to most parents, who find themselves forced to police their children and to take valuable time to brief themselves on all TV programs so as to protect their children from objectionable shows.

Actually, networks and local stations should realize the vast influence of TV over young and impressionable minds and limit entertainment containing horror elements and brutality to such hours as when young people are in school. Or better yet—eliminate this kind of material entirely (although this is probably too much to hope for from the top brass in TV).

**SELECTED SHORTS:** Cliff Robertson landed the title role in "Rod Brown of the Rocket Rangers" after a five month search, with 80 aspirants being interviewed... Joel Gray, the young comedian (21) has signed with ABC-TV as a recording star; he already has a hot recording, "Too Young to Tango," to his credit... Several sponsors are eyeing Sammy Kaye's novelty show, "So You Want to Lead a Band," which NBC hopes to launch this fall... Richard Quine, film actor-director (formerly married to the late Susan Peters), has been set to direct Mickey Rooney's pilot telefilm, starting Sept. 3, for NBC... "How d'ya know it was the maid?" Bob Hope was asked while referring to his visit to the nudists' convention. "Well..." stammered Bob, "I knew for sure it wasn't the butler!" (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "In so far as I know, that is the lady who you are seeking."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "forbade"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Delicacy, hypocrisy, autopsy, fantasy.
4. What does the word "concomitant" (noun) mean?
5. What is a word beginning with os that means "exclusion by general consent from common privileges"?

- ANSWERS**
1. Omit "in," and say, "So far as I know, that is the woman whom you are seeking."
  2. Pronounce the a as in bad, not as in aid.
  3. Delicacy.
  4. That which accompanies. "The concomitant of ingratitude is hardheartedness."
  5. Ostracism.

## Bay Street Keeps Tourists at Bay

NEWPORT (U.S.) — Tourists often turn from the Coast Highway here and go down Bay Street, expecting to reach the bay. They don't, though, for Bay Street doesn't go there. Confusions result. The City Council got a petition this week asking re-naming of the street to avoid further trouble. But the Council decided, that would cause too much trouble in re-naming maps and directories. The Council's solution: Put up a "dead end street" sign and hope tourists don't think the street ends at the bay.

Ships from Norway, Great Britain, South Africa, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia and Panama hunt whales annually under an agreement that limits the total catch.

# IT SEEMS TO ME

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friendly with the West, and it is assumed that the policy of the new government will be oriented in that direction. This may be straining one's hopes. It is true that Mossadegh lately had given the Communist Tudeh party its head, probably a calculated risk on his part. Actually, however, the old premier most of the time had kept the Red element in check. And though he who had whipped the hatred of the populace against Britain so successfully is now undone it is too much to believe that the nationalist spirit he engendered will quickly be erased. The jinni has been let out of the bottle. Even the Shah will hesitate before he welcomes the British back to Adaban.

Still another tale has been added to the 1001 of the Arabian Nights Entertainment, a greivous story. This one seems to be in serial form; and the world awaits the next installment.

Egypt lately chased out the king and set up a republic, with a small group of army officers pulling the tricks. In Iran the army clique rallied behind the monarch, and bade him return to his country. In each case the new bosses promise reforms. In both the need for reform is

great. In Iran the possibilities seem greater for the oil riches properly exploited can be of great benefit. In both however Britain has been the scapegoat of political hatred due in part to its old colonial policy. It remains to be seen whether the new leadership in both these countries is competent enough and wise enough to carry the nations forward to political stability and economic health. Intractable though he was, old Mossadegh gave to the people of Iran a vision which recent events will not fully obscure.

## Ashland Defeats Purchase of Pool

ASHLAND (U.S.) — By a vote of 1,486 to 150, Ashland voters Tuesday defeated a proposal to purchase the Twin Plunges swimming facilities. Cost to the city would have been \$55,000.

## McNary Airport To Publish Rules

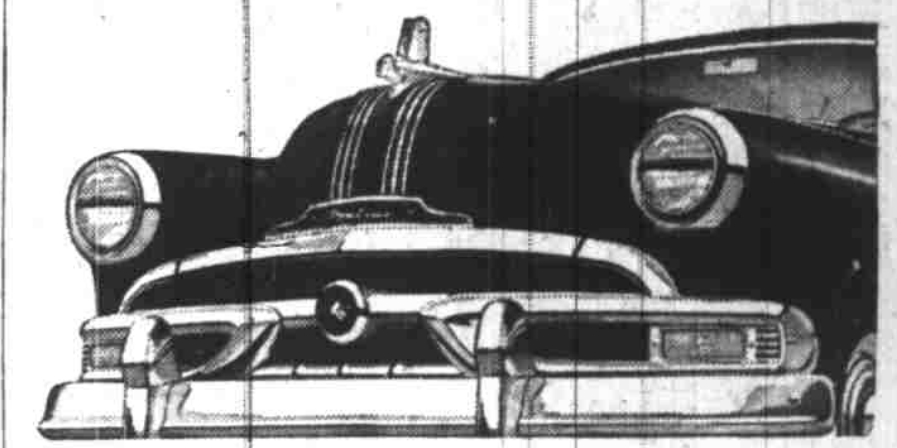
Airport Manager Charles Barclay and CAA Traffic Safety Agent Ed Leach conferred Thursday on rules to govern McNary Field.

The complete set of rules and regulations will be published after completely formulated. Closing of the tower June 30 prompted the move.

Leach, making his monthly visit from Portland, also granted pilot licenses.

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