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## Raid on Federal Lands

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce conference on natural resources held at San Francisco Wednesday turned out, as predicted, to be an assault on federal lands. We regret, however, to see that the lead was taken by our good friend Frank McCaslin of Portland. He is chairman of the chamber's committee on natural resources and declared that federal ownership of vast land areas is hampering development of resources, industries and communities. And he pointed to wall maps showing the percentage of lands in federal ownership.

Come now, Frank, and prove your case. What federal lands would you dispose of? The Indian lands? Surely the whites are not going to sell the Indians out from their abbreviated heritage (though they may decide to do that themselves). National parks? Maybe the Olympic park is overgrown, but what others should be curtailed? Not Crater Lake or Yellowstone or Yosemite, surely. National forests? Isn't it a good thing for private industry and communities that we have these great reserves to fall back on now that private timber is so nearly gone? Well, the only remaining sizeable area is the grazing lands. But they are leased to stockmen under such favorable terms that the deal is better than owning the lands and paying taxes on them. The only reason these lands are in public ownership is because they were too poor to be worth homesteading.

There are chunks of lands here and there which infringe on community expansion, chiefly military reservations. Portland wants Vanport back, for example. But these are of minor consequence.

## Scene Shifts in California Politics

The appointment of Governor Warren of California to the Supreme Court clears the way for Goodwin J. Knight to succeed him as governor. Knight is serving his second term as lieutenant governor but has been popping buttons off his vest to run for governor. He was in the race the last time Warren declared himself and Knight made a "strategic retreat." Already he had declared his candidacy for the 1954 contest. Now the office comes to him on a platter, though he will have to run for the next term. The incumbency gives him a running start on 1954.

The Democrats had begun to perk up hopes of translating their heavy registration majority into ballot box crosses on ballots, with the redoubtable Warren out of the way. They will have to make a fresh view of the field with Knight as incumbent. The latter will not be as nearly invincible as Warren, who for his second term won nominations of both big parties.

Knight is on the conservative side of the GOP which will affect his drawing power among middle-of-the-road voters. Californians in the past have looked the candidates over and then voted without much regard to party lines. Whether they are ready to return to party harness remains to be seen. If they do, in view of the preponderant Democratic registration, it will be goodnight for Goodwin Knight.

A 17-year-old California boy told the Eugene police how he killed a man at Shasta lake just to get his car for a trip to see his girl. Murders go back to the world's first family, but now they seem to have become very casual affairs. Cain had real fires of jealousy to prompt him to kill Abel; but this boy was only pursuing a whim. How can we do a better job of instilling the moral controls which will keep youth from crime? That is our gravest domestic question.

## Russian Possession of H-Bomb Said Best Reason for the Calling 4-Power Talks

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst  
President Eisenhower, without actually coupling the two things himself, has now expressed the best reason ever offered for a top-level four-power conference.

He says Russian possession of the hydrogen bomb makes it more important than ever to find out what her intentions are.

The possibility of learning something on this point at high level conferences was quickly recognized after Winston Churchill made his suggestion last May. It was just about the only point at which clinical observers thought there was a possibility of concrete results.

It was also recognized that Russia would not go into a conference unless she had definite objectives of her own and a real hope of carrying them out, and that, recognizing the Western objective, she would make every effort to baffle it with a false display of sweetness and light.

Eisenhower is well aware of what happened at Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam.

Yet he and all the Western countries are faced with the problem not so much of whether there will eventually be a war, but when.

They have to be prepared for eventual war. But if it is not likely to come quickly, then over-preparedness now is a waste of resources which will weaken their ultimate position.

Eisenhower's doubt that there is much possibility of agreement with

an anti-religious nation is enhanced by the facts that Russia is totalitarian, that she is traditionally expansionist, and that this expansionism has been tied to a revolutionary dream which will collapse if it loses its belligerent dynamism.

The best means of determining a country's intent, of course, is to look at its acts. Russia's record

is clear. No amount of talk, only a new record of action, can prevent her from a new light. If there is no question about her hostility, there still is a question of how far she intends to carry it, and if it is to be carried to new peaks, when?

The answers to these questions must be sought by all methods.

## Literary Guidepost

By JOE WING

AMERICAN INDIANS IN THE PACIFIC, by Thor Heyerdahl (Rand McNally, \$15).

After leading the Kon-Tiki expedition which proved six years ago that a native balsa raft can span the Pacific from Peru to the Polynesian islands, the first task of the young Scandinavian scientist Thor Heyerdahl was to write a run away best seller on that adventure.

His second was writing this fat scientific treatise, to prove among other things that early Americans did make such trips.

Anyone with an interest in this sort of thing and time to plow through half a million words will find it almost as fascinating as the best seller.

Heyerdahl proposes, in brief, to reverse nearly all previous theories and have the islands populated by sea rovers from the New World instead of the old.

## Tax on Manufactures?

President Eisenhower said the administration had no intention of asking for a national sales tax, but said he might ask for an excise tax on all manufactures. The sales tax field, he feels, is preempted by state and local governments.

We have a variety of excise taxes now, many of which hit at the retail level: Jewelry, furs, cosmetics. The major excise taxes (as on tobacco, liquors) are collected from manufacturers.

Most tax authorities agree that manufacturers' taxes pyramid and so fall with a heavier burden on the ultimate consumer. A five per cent tax at the point of manufacture becomes imbedded in the cost price to the jobber and wholesaler and retailer and the percentage markup at each stage in the transfer from producer to consumer builds up the original five per cent to a considerably higher figure.

Any tax is a burden, to be sure; and it falls on the "weakest link" in the chain, which usually is the consumer. We should, however, match out government outgo with adequate income. The job of the President and of Congress is to develop a tax program which will be the most fair as well as the least painful.

## Traubel Out of the Met

Helen Traubel is backtracking on a musical star's career. Many musicians come up through the music hall or popular concert stage, or even the night club circuit, but few reverse their direction after they reach stardom and the golden glow of the "Met." Miss Traubel, who filled in the latter part of the summer with appearances at Chez Paree, a Chicago nitery, spurns the conditions of her return to the Metropolitan in order to continue to sing at night clubs. Rudolph Bing, manager of the Met, had required that she refrain from such appearances in New York before and after her grand opera engagements. Traubel called that "snobbery."

Well, if it is snobbery the butter on the bread probably is thicker at the Chez Parees, or at the Las Vegas gambling emporiums where Melchior has returned for repeat engagements. One can attend a performance at the Met for under \$5 a seat but try to get out of a night club for less than ten.

We can agree with Traubel that there is much good music which doesn't qualify as "grand op'ry" and which singers like to sing.

But it must be admitted there is a "caste" in music and among singers. And to drop out of the Met in order to be free to perform in the pleasure haunts of the cities and gambling casinos does seem to degrade the art and the artist. Nelson Eddy has shifted to radio and movie musicales, which probably provide him bigger income, but his rating as a singer is lowered (though that may be why he shifted). Traubel will never be acclaimed as the great Wagnerian star now that she glitters in Chez Paree.

## Editorial Comment

### PRIMARY—WHAT KIND?

Presidential primaries—they appeared important in 1952 before and during the nominating conventions, and they probably will take on significance again in 1956 or before. Meanwhile, only a little is done about them.

Part of that little, however, consists of a preliminary report to the American Political Science Association by a group of Brookings Institution researchers which is making an extensive study of the subject. Their initial work has included sifting into six classifications the 17 state laws on presidential primaries.

Actually, says Dr. Paul T. David, there are not merely six kinds of presidential primaries but 17 kinds, because every such law differs from every other in some particular. But the preliminary findings are favorable mainly to two of the six classifications.

One of these is the California-Wisconsin-Minnesota-South Dakota type in which a single mark expresses a choice both for a nominee and a slate of delegates. Another is the New York-Pennsylvania-Illinois type whereby voters elect district delegates and party organizations choose delegates-at-large.

Most of the state legislatures will not convene again until 1955. Only 13 hold lawmaking sessions in the even-numbered years. But by another year instructive comparisons should be available on the practical workings of these laws. Meanwhile it is important to keep alive the interest which will help give rank-and-file citizens a meaningful part in the choice of party presidential nominees.—(Christian Science Monitor.)

## PLUMBER'S WRENCH



## Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

### 10 Years Ago

October 2, 1943

Lt. Comdr. Roy S. "Spec" Keene, former director of Athletics and coach at Willamette University disclosed he will direct the 12th naval districts physical fitness program in San Francisco.

Sixty-eight soldiers were entertained at the Everly Flying E ranch. Mrs. Everly served refreshments to the group.

Mrs. Garlen Simpson entertained in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Bateson and three sons, Cornelius Jr., Gilbert and William who recently moved here from Bozeman, Montana. They bought a farm near Pratum.

### 25 Years Ago

October 2, 1928

Herbert Hoover revised his entire itinerary for the remainder of the campaign and mapped out a new program, which saw him in action on the speaking platform once a week.

Gould Morehouse of Salem entered Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., after a thirty-day trip through the Panama Canal.

John Stark Evans, instructor of pipe-organ at the University of Oregon, gave a concert on the newly installed organ at the First Presbyterian church. Miss Lena Belle Tartar, contralto, was the assisting artist.

### 40 Years Ago

October 2, 1913

The wireless station at Portland and Corvallis picked-up a message stating that the steamer Spokane had been wrecked off Cape Lazo, B. C. The steamer was owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

C. E. Amiola solo flutist of W. E. McElroy's concert band at the state fair, was a member of the orchestra of the Iroquois theater in Chicago, when on Dec. 30, 1902, it was destroyed by fire, which caused the death of over 600 persons.

During the fiscal year ending last June, 1912, 2,000,000,000 American cigarettes were exported.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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lets" by putting a halter on FDR's extreme notions—so they voted for a conservative Republican for Congress.

Gilbert wrote in "Iolanthe" — "I often think it's comical  
How nature always does contrive  
That every boy and every gal,  
That's born into this world alive,  
Is either a little Liberal,  
Or else a little Conservative."  
This should be corrected to state that almost every little boy and girl has inclinations in both directions and retains them when grown up and voting.

Thus, we probably shall see the voters of Oregon returning conservative Guy Gordon to the Senate in 1954; and we may see them re-electing Wayne Morse in 1956. Bob Ruhl has been around long enough to know that politics itself is a mystery. As with foods, there often seems no accounting for tastes.

This columnist is leaving on a trip to the East Coast. He will look in on United Nations, as an observer this time; and attend meetings in Philadelphia and Washington, the latter another session of the committee planning the conference sessions, on water resources scheduled for December.

As time permits, some columns will be sent back by airmail, with regular resumption scheduled for Oct. 22.

## Your Health

By Dr. Herman Sundesen

Though tuberculosis has been present under many names ever since medical history was first recorded, it was about one hundred years ago that the death rattle from it was at its height. Sium conditions in most countries were mainly responsible for this development, though its effect was not limited to those who lived in the crowded, undesirable neighborhoods. Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Chopin and Robert Louis Stevenson were among the many who fell victim to the "White Plague."

With the improvement in living conditions, the rate of tuberculosis has decreased, though it is estimated that it still claims five to six million lives a year throughout the world. It ranks as a leading health problem in many parts of the world, especially in Asia and Latin America.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We don't doubt but what the truth will come out."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "irrevocable"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Proof, reproove, groove, forsooth.
4. What does the word "facade" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pa that means "not actively"?

### ANSWERS

1. Say, "We don't doubt that the truth will come out."
2. Accent second syllable, not the third.
3. Reprove. 4. The front of a building, especially the principal front. (Pronounce facade, both a's as in ah, accent second syllable.)
5. Passively.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"...Near as I can make out, the way to survive an H-bomb is about the same as an A-bomb...only more so."

## Adult Advisers To Hi-Y Clubs Now Total 11

Adult advisers aiding Salem High School's six YMCA Hi-Y clubs have increased to 11—just one shy of two advisers for each club.

Robert Hamilton, Hi-Y representative on the Boy's Work Committee, is starting his second year as an active member of this group. Hamilton and Douglas Chambers are charged with securing Hi-Y advisers.

Advisers this year include: James Payne, Rollie Haag, Merlin Schulze, James Hunt, Bud Sharpnack, Jack Hazlett, William Lockard, Oscar Specht, John Stortz, Lloyd Griffiths and Frank Walton.



Percy W. Meier, manager of Woody's Furniture store, is captain of the mercantile division of the \$140,000 Salem Community Chest fund drive to start next week.

## Inside TV

## Want Top TV Set? Treat It Like Baby

By EVE STARR

HOLLYWOOD—MORE CARE, LESS WEAR: Now that winter's on the way and cool nights are in the offing, the kind of nights where a flickering picture tube recalls memories of dancing flames in the fireplace, you'd better pay strict attention to care of your TV set. Otherwise you'll suddenly find yourself face to face with problems, like how to keep pop away from the pool room and junior from squawking when the picture goes dark.

Some leading television maintenance authorities (\$2.50 per hour and up, not including parts) have given me a few good suggestions. Follow them and keep the family circle closed tight.



Don't put your set too close to windows, radiators, or warm air registers. Intense cold, heat, or dampness will upset its delicate mechanism. Don't move the set any more than you have to. Its insides are more easily jarred than Uncle Lute's gout-ridden left leg. Try not to slam doors in your TV room. Even this can jar a sensitive tube.

The set generates heat, so place it at least seven inches from a wall so air flows freely around it. Don't let it touch curtains or other inflammable material, otherwise you'll pull the local firemen from "I Love Lucy" to star in your own homemade drama.

Inspect your outdoor antenna from time to time. Is it located so it best brings in your area's stations? Is it always securely and properly attached to the building?

Learn to operate the controls properly. This applies to both front and rear. But study the manufacturer's instruction booklet carefully before reaching for the controls behind. Don't even put your hands near the back of the set without DISCONNECTING THE ELECTRICITY.

Do not turn the tuning switch from station to station more than necessary. Everyone hates a channel-switcher, and the experts say it's bad for the picture tube. Children, especially, like to fiddle with the dials.

Above all, keep the household handyman away from the set if it does get out of whack. Better to spend a little with someone who knows what he's doing than to prolong your acquaintance with the finance company while buying a new set.

STARR-BRITE: Jack Webb's TV "Dragnet," thrown about the West Coast grammar school set, has captured at least one arch criminal—a re-birth of the old "knock-knocks." Using Webb's distinctive musical signature, the youngsters are pulling this one on long-suffering parents.

"Knock, knock."  
"Who's there?"  
"Dum."  
"Dum, who?"  
(Sing)  
"Dum di dum dum."  
Trial will be held in the woodshed!

DIAL SPINS: "Where's Raymond," the Ray Bolger (L) film series, will have Broadway songstress Jan Clayton ("Carouse") star-lighting the third show... Telecasters from some 10 states met in Philadelphia to huddle on "pay-as-you-see-TV" plans... More audience participation shows and soap operas to fill morning and afternoon time slots at ABC: a television of radio's "Turn to a Friend," a daily audience participation show; another with mimic Dean Murphy as emcee; the "Ern Westmore Show," featuring make-up and beauty experts; and the TV adaptation of radio's "My True Story"... Former movie queen Madeline Carroll will be moderator of a new panel show on WNET—New York—with Gloria Vanderbilt Stockowski set on an all-glamour panel.

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