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Good Word for Drivers

News media, including newspapers, are constantly harping on traffic safety, accidents and driving habits to the point that would put a nagging wife (or husband) to shame. Now, we don't claim any credit for the results, but instead of haranguing we'd like at this time to say we believe the drivers of the Willamette Valley really did a job over the dangerous holiday season. Not one fatal mishap was reported from our area, and what few highway accidents there were brought but comparatively minor injury and damage. It is a record of which everyone can be proud. As this is written, the New Year in the valley is off to a safe and sane start automobile-wise. We are hopeful that those black figures which The Statesman uses to denote the count thus far, in connection with fatal accident stories, will be kept to the lowest point on modern record in 1954.

Untrue and Unfair

Bob Ruhl writes in the Medford Mail-Tribune: "It would, we think, not only be much better for his party, his state and the country, but for himself if Mr. McKay would come out from behind the ambush—which fools no one—and frankly state that he intends as far as it is physically possible, to turn over all high-and-power production to the big private interests, and eliminate public-power projects, entirely. This is both untrue and unfair. McKay proposes no liquidation of government investment in hydroelectric facilities, either dams or transmission lines. He has approved the move of the Grant Co., Wash. PUD to construct a dam on the mid-Columbia; and he strongly favors having the government authorize a "new start" on additional power development in the Northwest. He wouldn't be doing either if he had the purpose which Ruhl ascribes to him.

World Trade Program

Life Magazine prints a challenging article by John Knox Jessup and Michael A. Heilperin who present "a new, daring plan to unshackle trade and enrich the free world." On reading it one is struck by the fact that it is neither new nor daring. Its thesis has been recited over and over again since the end of World War I. They phrase it in simple language thus: "Protection is incompatible with any rational foreign economic policy for a large creditor nation, especially so powerfully competitive a nation as the U. S."

Soviet Government Ready to Give Writers, Artists, Song Composers More Freedom

By TOM WHITNEY
Associated Press Staff Writer
There are numerous signs the Soviet government is readying a "new look" program for creative arts in the U.S.S.R. The new party line on literature, music, painting and the theater will give writers, composers, and artists somewhat more freedom than they have had for many years. There is no reason to believe the Soviet leadership intends to go very far in lifting the formal and informal restraints from creative workers. From the western point of view, their position will continue to be intolerable. Censorship, bureaucratic interference, and party-inspired criticism will still limit sharply their work. But to the Russian creative artists themselves, it may seem somewhat like a millennium. When a prisoner is moved back from solitary confinement to the general prison, it no doubt seems to him like heaven—for a time. The new situation may conceivably even lead to a significant upsurge in the Soviet arts.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty
In his latest stage show in Russia, a popular comedian and band leader, Leonid Utesov, indulges in a great deal of caustic and direct criticism of the authorities in charge of approval of stage and musical programs. He gets great laughs from his audience by making fun of the art officials. Utesov's program, of course, had to have approval before it was put on and to this extent reflects a line of the present authorities. Two outstanding men in the Soviet art world, Aram Khachaturian, Armenian-Soviet composer, and Ilya Ehrenburg, writer, wrote articles which in cautious but



Our farm surpluses piled up, our foreign loans went sour—and the whole world went into an economic tailspin. How now can we avoid repeating that performance? For one thing, there is a somewhat higher level of intelligence in considering world trade. Lessons of the past do not go unheeded. It is not a lack of understanding of the problem or of the method for solving it which holds up a solution. It is when the general theory collides with group interest that political conflict ensues.

In agriculture for example wheat growers need an export market; and so do apple growers at Hood River who used to enjoy a good foreign demand for their fruit. On the other hand cherry growers fear competition of foreign fruit, and filbert growers want protection against Mediterranean nuts; and the dairy industry insists on quota limits for imports of dairy products. Other conflicts of interest arise among other economic groupings some of which are eager for export trade, others fear foreign competition. The Life writers find the chief economic handicaps are in the "dollar shortage" among foreign nations, lack of flow of capital into foreign investment, and the economic stagnation of western Europe with its exchange controls, etc. Steps toward stimulating trade lie in encouraging convertibility of currency, in lowering tariffs and restrictions to promote trade and in increasing the outward flow of investment capital. This is classic economics, but it runs headon into politics both here and abroad.

The world should move in that direction, but it will not jump abruptly into such a dream world. There are many kinks to be ironed out, injuries to be averted or healed, prejudices to be reduced before we can "correct the imbalance in international payments, revive foreign investment and reform the arthritic capitalism of Europe." But we ought to set about the task.

Now the reindeer and the camels can be stabled for another year.

PRESERVING THE TIMBER RESOURCE

Accasional timely rains had much to do with it; but the human element, which normally is to blame for the majority of forest fires, made an excellent record in 1953, causing less than half of the 792 fires in Oregon forests. Announcement by the Oregon state board of forestry that only 1,507 timbered acres out of 13,000,000 were burned over during the year is good news indeed. The Keep Oregon Green campaign has been useful in educating the public to the vital importance of preventive measures against fire. The logging industry is entitled to a full share of the credit for the small number of fires and the minimum amount of fire damage to Oregon timber. There were only 49 fires during the year in 12,000 logging operations, employing 38,000 men.

Insects have displaced fire as the great destroyer of Oregon timber. The dangerous spruce budworm apparently has been checked; but the bark beetle continues on its destructive way, with no specific way of controlling its depredations. Entomologists are researching on the problem, in the hope of finding some way to exterminate this pest. Oregon, apparently, has been more fortunate than many other states in awakening in time to the vital importance of conserving its timber resource. There can be no let-up in the long-time campaign of timber production through tree farms and general reforestation; this year's fine record of fire prevention has to be duplicated through the years, and the fight on insects has to be continuous. One of the needed measures of forest protection is the construction of access roads, to permit of the early control of fires in the woods. This is the subject of a bill sponsored by Oregon's Representative Ellsworth, who, as a former lumberman, has an unusual knowledge of the needs of the industry and a sympathetic attitude toward measures needed for its perpetuation, on which the economy of the state so heavily depends. (Albany Democrat-Herald)

THE DIVISION WE'RE LEAVING BEHIND



IT SEEMS TO ME

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"by another and then a third. They appeared to move with great speed and traveled roughly from west to east. They had hardly gone from sight when they reappeared, the one close on the heels of the other. We concluded they were traveling in a wide circle but as the sky was partly overcast we could not follow the whole path they traced. Viewed from our position, the objects were about two feet in diameter. "We continued watching them as we drove along the turnpike. Once we stopped the car to obtain a better view. Several other cars drew up too. At times one object appeared to overtake one of the others in their swoop across the sky. As the visibility became better, we could occasionally trace the faint outline of the whole circular or elliptical path followed by one of the objects. "Could they be the reflection in the skies of lights of automobiles going over a rise? We soon rejected that theory. Such lights would surely not be powerful enough to reflect in the sky at approximately the same point for so great a distance. Since we first sighted the objects, we had traveled roughly 15 miles. Moreover, why should there be three of them and not occasionally more or less? "If not reflections, what then? We were just beginning to believe they must be flying saucers circling over New York, when we saw a faint shaft of light reaching downwards from one of the objects. The shaft gradually became clearer and all at once we realized we were looking at nothing more than three searchlights playing in the skies. Poor visibility had prevented us from seeing the shafts at a distance whereas the tips of the lights were, because of the peculiar weather conditions, just visible against the overcast skies. Here we have an explanation of what might have been called a flying saucer. So until some one shoots down a genuine saucer and brings in the body as evidence the public may safely assume that the strange phenomena of lights in the sky are due to natural causes. It is noted too that the little men from Mars, or was it Venus? didn't return to that lonely spot in the California mountains.

Aliens Must File Report

Alien residents of the United States are reminded this week by the Justice Department that they must register and report their addresses to the commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Service. Aliens may report by going to any U. S. Post Office or immigration and naturalization office and asking for an annual address report card. After the card has been filled in and signed it should be handed to any postal clerk or immigration employee. It should not be mailed direct, officials assert. Deadline for registration under the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act which became effective Dec. 24, 1952 is Jan. 31. The "State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" is the official name of Rhode Island.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Jan. 4, 1944
Wendell L. Wilkie said in the New York Times that the United States had fallen in moral, economic and political leadership and as a result Premier Stalin emerged the "single most potent statesman in international affairs." Carl W. Hogg was drafted for a third term as president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. Loyal Warner was elected vice president, Lester Barr secretary and Linn Smith treasurer. Oregon's traffic accident toll in 1943 was 222 lives, 4850 injured in approximately 30,750 accidents, according to Secretary of State Robert Farrell.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 4, 1929
Drilling started on test wells in an effort to solve the problem of a satisfactory water supply for Salem. The first well was sunk in the Rosedale annex. Rep. A. G. Rushlight will be permanent chairman of the Multnomah County delegates in the 1929 legislature. Joe F. Singer, sergeant-at-arms for 20 years, was named to the same position. C. C. Jantzen, secretary of the Jantzen Knitting Mills, announced the company will erect a \$500,000 wool spinning mill at Portland. It is to take care of 600 pounds of yarn a day.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 4, 1914
A check for \$500,000, from the Knights of Columbus of the U.S., for the Catholic University at Washington, was presented to Cardinal Gibbons. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Meyers entertained the Nemo "500" club

Eisenhower Returns From Holiday Trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower returned Sunday night from a Christmas-time visit to Augusta, Ga., with work nearly completed on his State of the Union Message. The President's plane, the Columbine landed at National Airport at 7:15 p. m. (EST). He has been in Augusta since Christmas Day. The President faces one of the busiest weeks since he took office. At 8:30 a. m. Monday he will confer at the White House with Republican congressional leaders and members of his Cabinet. They probably will get an advance look at the latest draft of the State of the Union Message outlining the program in general terms. Monday night 6:30 p. m. (PST) Eisenhower will report to the nation via television and radio on the administration's first year. He also will set forth future goals. Democratic leaders in Congress will get a preview Tuesday morning of sections of the message dealing with foreign affairs and national defense and possibly other matters. Twenty four hours after Congress convenes Wednesday the President will go before a joint session of the Senate and House to deliver the message in person. The annual budget message and the economic report will go to the Capitol a few days later.

Services for Mrs. Sharpe Set Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Sharpe, 87, Salem resident for the past 15 years, will be held Tuesday at 10 a. m. in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel. She died at a local hospital Sunday after an illness of about a week. Mrs. Sharpe was born Sept. 11, 1866 in Franklin, Pa. Her husband, W. N. Sharpe, preceded her in death in 1930. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Twilla Oakley, Middletown, Conn.; three sons, Paul Sharpe, Springfield, Ore., Fred Sharpe, Wichita Falls, Tex., and Don Sharpe, Newberry, S.C.; 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Concluding services will be held at Belcrest Memorial Park.

Inside TV . . .

TV Gift from One General to Another

By EVE STARR

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The President and Mrs. Eisenhower were gifted with a color TV set from RCA Chairman David Sarnoff on Dec. 20—in time to watch the colorcast of Amahl and the Night Visitors, (NBC) the Gian-Carlo Menotti modern Christmas classic . . . The color standards adopted by the FCC become legally effective Jan. 22—30 days after publication in the Federal Register . . . Sign in a window on Hollywood Blvd.: "Merry Television and a Happy Commercial to You." Bing Crosby introducing Jack Benny on his telecast: "A genuine genius graces our guest podium this evening . . . One of the entertaining world's most amazing geniuses and refreshing personalities. His rich wit and fiddle foibles have long reigned international audiences. Dig that kind of crazy talk!" Paramount Pictures bought the old Warner Bros. studio on Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, for more than \$1,000,000 last week. The old "birthplace of the talking pictures" will become the future home of KTLA, Los Angeles.



CRITIC'S CORNER: We didn't like to carp during the holidays, but we must say now that we were disappointed on Christmas night when Georgie Jessel tried to play Santa Claus on his "Comeback Story." Too much Jessel and not enough toys left us with a stocking containing one large lump of soft coal, one tin horn and one real jewel that showed up at the last minute to save Santa's face. The lump of coal was evident in the monotony of the show, which was supposed to open up the comeback trail for woman athlete Babe Dirickson Zaharias. The tin horn sounded too often in Jessel's forced sentimentality and long face. However, the gem appeared in the final moments of the program when Babe spoke a few words urging the necessity for constant vigilance if cancer is to be caught in the early stages. Her sincerity could not be questioned, as her career was suddenly halted when the killing growth threatened to add her to its victim list.

CAPSULE CRITIQUE: "I've Got a Secret," emceed by Garry Moore, provides little material for this inimitable master of ceremonies who, given the opportunity, can deliver. Last week's show revealed some trivialities that were hardly worth repeating. Surely there must be thousands of individuals who have a good secret or story to tell. However, Moore managed to keep the show adequately interesting, but with good subject matter he could come up with an appealing half-hour's entertainment. Best thing about this program is its name. DEVELOPMENTS: Our nomination for the most significant technical innovation for the coming year would be—no, not color—but the tape-recorded television show. The process has been perfected and, if adopted widely, could result in satisfying control and economy for the producer and sponsor, as well as pleasing quality for the viewer.

Storm Flags Flying Again

SEATTLE (AP) — The Weather Bureau hoisted storm warnings again at 4:30 p. m. Sunday along the Washington and Oregon coasts, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and inland waters of Washington. The southwest storm warnings were reissued after having been changed for 8 1/2 hours Sunday to small craft warnings. The latest warnings were for southwest winds of 30 to 40 miles an hour, with gusts to 50, Sunday night, shifting to west to southwest and decreasing slowly Monday from Tatoosh, Wash., to Cape Blanco, Ore. Winds along the strait and inland waters of Washington were expected to average about 5 miles an hour less.

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Silverton GI Ends Basic Training at Camp in Virginia

ly completed basic training at A Silverton soldier has recently received eight weeks of basic infantry training and eight weeks of medical training. Medical subjects include anatomy, physiology, military sanitation, method of evacuation, emergency medical treatment, administration of medicines, ward management, hypodermic injection and operating room technique.

Red Trawler Seizes Japan Fishing Boat

TOKYO (AP) — An armed Chinese Communist trawler seized a 372-ton Japanese fishing boat in the East China Sea Sunday after first firing on her. Kyodo news service reported. Another Japanese fishing boat has been reported missing in the same area since early Sunday after pursuit by an unidentified ship. A sister ship said it eluded pursuers.

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