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Guided Missiles for Defense

In the news pictures at a local theater the other evening we saw the performance of a guided missile. Shot into the air it flew to intercept a drone B-29 bomber, exploded; and then we saw the bomber disintegrate and fall. That is the Nike, a rocket-type weapon, guided by radar to its target. It is the last line of defense against enemy bombers attacking our cities and industries. The Department of Defense is setting up Nike stations adjacent to centers deemed most vulnerable to attack and whose defense is most essential.

The new guided missiles are the direct outgrowth of the V-1 and V-2 rocket bombs which Germany fired against Britain in the latter days of the war. Their potential was realized at that time. Sir Winston Churchill in his latest book reports on the damage the bombs did and quotes the following from a memo of Duncan Sandys, to the cabinet:

"The advent of the long-range, radio-controlled, jet-propelled projectile has opened up vast new possibilities in the conduct of military operations. In future the possession of superiority in long-distance rocket artillery may well count for as much as superiority in naval or air power. High-grade scientific and engineering staff together with extensive research facilities, will have to be maintained as a permanent part of our peace-time military organization."

The prophecy of Sandys proved accurate, though the value of guided missiles has not been tested in major wars.

This is the outline of our continental defense as reported by the U.S. News & World Report: 1st, a warning system, primarily radar; 2nd, interceptor jet planes armed with guided missiles and other weapons for attack on approaching enemy planes; 3rd, ground launching stations for guided missiles.

Will this system be adequate? We doubt if any authority will assert it will provide a full defense. Some enemy bombers probably would be able to get through this triple screen and drop lethal bombs; but the system is the best we can devise at the present time, within reasonable limits of cost. It may not satisfy the Alsops who have been agitating for continental defense on a vast scale; but it represents the sound judgment of those with the fullest knowledge of the facts and the responsibility for recommendations to the President and the Congress.

Flying saucers may be only an illusion; but guided missiles are real, even if their performance seems uncanny.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. That's what the Sheridan city council is doing. After two rejections by voters of a bond issue for a sewage disposal plant demanded by state health and sanitary authorities the council is submitting a fresh proposal for a \$350,000 bond issue on Jan. 22nd. In this instance the third time should prove a "charm." Sheridan can't very well hold out as a municipality refusing to take proper care of its own sewage.

Italian Politicians Afraid to Tell People Result of Vote Recount, Fear New Election

By STAN SWINTON

ROME (U) — Italy is seeking these: a new government in the shadow of a potentially deeper crisis — the likelihood of Communists and pro-Communists are seated illegally in the Chamber of Deputies. The immediate problem is finding a Prime Minister to replace Giuseppe Pella, who quit Tuesday after five months in office. Aged 67, Pella had received a parade of political leaders Thursday and heard the views of each. Betting was that Einaudi would give first call to Pella again. But behind the immediate crisis lies another — the secret recount of ballots from last June's general election. It was that election which left the pro-Western parties short of a majority, boosted Communist strength and left the nation with a parliament evenly divided.

Poll watchers challenged 1,297, 426 ballots in that election. A recount was ordered, sworn to secrecy. Responsible sources say that behind the cloak of official secrecy the committee has made certain the center parties actually won an absolute majority last June.

Under Italian law, any coalition getting over half the vote is entitled to 64.5 per cent of the seats. Thus, if the Christian Democrats and their smaller center party allies received the benefits of the recount they would have absolute control of the Chamber of Deputies. Sixty-nine Communists and pro-Communist deputies would be deprived of their seats.

Italian political leaders have known for months of the recount results. The Associated Press first broke the story Dec. 21. Since then major papers in both Britain and the U. S. have repeated it. But in Italy not a single paper has run the story. Informed sources here say the reason is that not even the center parties, which would benefit most, want to take advantage of the recount. That is the reason that, on official orders, the counting has slowed up to such an extent that — according to a good source — only four votes now are counted daily and the committee will take all of the 18 months it has by law to complete the count.

Poll on One-Way Grid

The Capital Journal predicts that the poll being conducted by The Statesman on the public attitude toward the one-way grid will yield "a distorted expression of the popular attitude." That was not The Statesman's experience with the poll of sentiment on daylight saving. It quite faithfully reflected an adverse attitude on the part of the public.

As for the current poll, it is like the former, a mere sampling of opinion. It is not decisive. The council may consider it or reject it, as it sees fit. The Statesman merely gives an opportunity for those interested, one way or the other, to indicate their preference. The issue has been raised. This paper does not propose to ignore it. Final decision, of course, rests with the city council, or via initiative or referendum, the people voting in an election.

San Francisco's mayor predicts the city's municipal street transit system will lose \$4 million this year. This is in spite of a 15c fare and tax exemption. Public ownership runs into the same hard facts of costs as does private ownership—plus some others.

Next Christmas maybe the Bureau of Engraving can offer "gift wrapping" service on its currency parcels.

Editorial Comment

BOONDOGGLE IN DEFENSE

It is not hard to understand the Administration's concern with unemployment, for the Administration is concerned with the health of the nation's economy. Thus President Eisenhower's order to divert some defense contracts to areas having jobless men will be viewed with some sympathy at first glance.

But a second look will show how glaringly wrong it is.

It is wrong because unemployment is one concern of the Administration and defense is quite a different one. The tax dollars that the Congress appropriated for defense ought to go for defense, and the most defense that can be got from those dollars is the particular concern of the Defense Department. There is a catchy phrase around Washington to describe what the Defense Department is trying to do in this regard. They call it "more bang for a buck."

But one doesn't get more bang for a buck by saddling the Defense Department with directives which say that certain areas with labor surpluses ought to get preference in contracts over areas which have no labor surplus. And the buck loses some of its bang when faster tax writeoffs are granted certain distressed areas for election or improvement of plants which other areas are denied.

At best, such a plan is only a shot in the arm which may for a time seem to ease the pain of unemployment in a particular locality. But it will not cure it, and conceivably it may help to spread it. For there are only a certain number of dollars which can be spent through these defense contracts. To give preferential treatment to one section because it has less people at work than another place could result in unemployment in the locality which lost the contract. What does the Government do then? Designate another area as "distressed," give it preferential treatment over other areas and thus create more economic distress? But that would be spoonfeeding everyone on a merry-go-round.

A case can be made for Government concern about its jobless citizens, especially where it affects the national economy. But no case can be made for preferential treatment in defense contracts because of local unemployment. It is an expedient which contains no permanent cure for the troubled areas, but which does contain potential danger for the nation. A little boondoggling with defense can lead to a lot of boondoggling and no defense at all. — (Wall Street Journal)

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"That's what comes of our liberal policy of allowing a 'coffee break'... Now they want a raise because they need a doughnut with their coffee!"



Do the real George radio and TV programs get that way because they are good, or because the world is passed around and people get to thinking they should like them because the Jones' do? Well, out at the state prison farm there is a TV set and it is turned on nightly.

And the men pick their own programs. They choose their video fare by what they see, not by what they hear, because very few of them run into town days and hobnob with other video viewers, who pick their programs more or less as a matter of course. So far the inmates' selections closely follow the popular trend. They like (even as the men at the Lee) the fights on Wednesday nights. One of their favorites is Dragnet—even though they know the culprit always gets it in the end...

And speaking of TV, everyone is wondering when, now that the Harveys have completed purchase of the alumina plant, they are going ahead with their much-prolonged TV station for Salem... Salem TV-man Ray Moore took a trip to California and checked TV reception around Fresno and Bakersfield and other San Joaquin valley points... There you have operating UHF channels 24, 27 and 47 and VHF 10, similar to channels allocated for Salem and Portland... Ray says he's seen UHF pictures as clear as VHF and he's convinced viewers in and around Salem could enjoy better reception if they spent more time and effort in their TV installations here.

Salem Chamber of Commerce Thursday set out on a sticky task—to locate a certain tasty marmalade that's made in Salem and wanted in three-case quantity by an out-of-town businessman. Seems he got a taste of "B-T Orange Marmalade," with a Salem label. He really liked it, and asked the Chamber to help him hunt down some more. The big bee in the jelly so far: The Chamber has no record of such a local product and after several calls to other firms which put up similar delicacies they still couldn't get within tonguing distance of B-T.

Here we go again dept... Jess Gard and Carl Francis big brass Republicans, will address a group of Marion County GOPs at the Senator Tuesday night. And (now get this) that room is just down the hall from where that very same night Demo Dick Neuberger will be telling us what's what at the Jaycees' Jr. First Citizen affair... In what is probably a shy publicity effort County Dog Controller Ervin Ward reports that a car recently hit a Cocker spaniel. Because the dog bore no tag the owner couldn't be found and so the dog was not taken to a vet... The owner was finally found and he had the tag at home. Moral of this is dog tags are due again and tags should be welded to the dog.

Things are tightened up at the state prison—and we don't mean only the locks... Visitors out there now must sign a visitors' book stating name, occupation, why did you come out, address, signature and time of arrival and departure. And a guard makes sure you sign everything. This is done, we assume, to prevent visitors from escaping... Coupla days ago when we predicted what would happen this year we mentioned that "soon, maybe in Jan." a store in Boston would get a scrawled letter containing money for a bicycle clip stolen 20 years ago. Well, we were close, anyway. Comes an AP dispatch Wednesday from Helena, Mont., about a taxpayer who sent the state \$250 because he was "overpaid" that much 20 years... And here we thought state employees worked for nothing 20 years ago...

IT SEEMS TO ME

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depressing markets (a difficult thing to do with perishable commodities). The president also said he would follow flexible credit policies in the effort to sustain the economy; and continues to point toward balancing the national budget.

President Eisenhower's program is thus geared fairly closely to the general program of the preceding administration. There is no reversal of direction toward abolishing the "welfare state," or making the federal government withdraw from fields it entered during New Deal days. Conservatives may not be very happy; but that is what the President prescribes.

The general program is one which will receive good support in Congress — if the President can get it past congressional committees. There is where the real battles over legislation will be fought; and there the President will need all his skill and courage, plus the positive backing of the people. What may strengthen his hand is the fact that the 1954 election rates all the Representatives and a third of the Senators squarely in the face.

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Dairymen Warned Price Cut Possible

ONTARIO, Ore. (U) — Lower prices for milk producers may result from cuts in other states, the Oregon Dairymen's Assn. was warned here Thursday.

William S. Weidel, state milk marketing administrator, said the State Board of Agriculture is closely watching trends in other states although he would not predict what the board would do.

Weidel told the association's 60th annual meeting that Seattle area producer prices now are about one dollar a hundredweight less than Oregon's while in the past the difference was only 35 to 55 cents.

He said that if Oregon has a producer price reduction it will be because of cost factors, economic conditions and supply and demand.

Cites Criticism
Weidel urged the dairymen to help improve the state milk control setup's public relations. He cited criticism of recent actions of the board and the milk marketing administration and said:

"We just don't have the funds or manpower to do the tremendous job of public relations that we are confronted with."

Earlier the dairymen heard a proposal for a year-around assessment to raise \$300,000 annually to promote dairy products.

Assessment Asked
The proposal came from Wilbur Reiling, Klamath Falls, association president. He suggested an assessment of a half cent a pound or 2 cents a hundredweight against dairymen on a 12-month basis instead of only two cents a year as at present.

Reiling told the 150 dairymen present that the industry needs to gain public confidence. How to do this will be discussed thoroughly at the convention. The problem of consumer resistance will get the most attention.

Would Change Opinion
According to Reiling, the National Milk Producers Assn. has worked out a self-help program that would change much of the adverse public opinion which results from government surplus purchases. He said although these purchases get dairymen in the public "doghouse," they really are proportionately smaller than those of wheat and cotton.

A program suggested by the Oregon Dairy Commission with approval of the group. Glenn Lay, association executive secretary, said the program is intended to unit producers and distributors on promotion, apply to Oregon the program of the American Dairy Assn., and promote the industry in direct messages to consumers and, through trade channels.

The convention will close Friday. Milton Rider, Oregon City, was elected president of the association. Richard Lyons, Junction City, was named first vice president and Lister Donaldson, Tillamook, second vice president.

Merrill Warnick, Pleasant Grove, Utah, president of the American Dairymen's Assn., urged dairymen to meet competition of other foods with aggressive merchandising and promotion.

He outlined his group's program of research, public relations, merchandising and advertising.

FIRE CUTS ELECTRICITY
PORTLAND (U) — A large area of North Portland, including an industrial district, was without electricity from 10 minutes to an hour Thursday after a fire in a Pacific Power and Light Co. substation. A short circuit was blamed for the blaze.

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Water, Auto Damage Suits Filed in Court

Separate suits involving water and auto and seeking a total of \$10,750 and \$26,500 were filed in Marion County Circuit Court Thursday.

Joseph Schuss of Portland brought a suit against Charles R. Raymond W. and Minnie L. Dahlen for damages and injuries allegedly sustained in an auto accident Sept. 14, 1953.

Schuss alleges his and the Dahlen's autos collided on the Pacific Highway about 11 miles north of Salem. He charges the defendants were careless. The plaintiff seeks \$25,000 general and \$1,500 special damages.

J. H. and Edna L. Wilkinson filed suit against the Willamette Valley Water Co., alleging that waste irrigation water from defendant's adjacent land flows onto plaintiff's farm near Stayton. Plaintiffs seek \$10,750 for damages which they claim to their crops and land.

Credit Bureau Seminar to Start Today

A two-day seminar devoted to the study of collection problems now facing business and professional men will open today in the Salem central offices of the Credit Bureaus Inc.

About 27 management personnel of affiliated offices of the system in Oregon and Idaho will be in attendance. They include Reginald Rosevear, Lena Sanderson and Kay Atlee, Albany; Joan Stovall and Jean Williams, Lebanon; Edwin Wenatta, Corvallis; Robert Shangle, Aaron Novick and Aileen West, McMinnville; Helen Anderson, Dallas and Sam Ruhl, Mrs. Shirley Green and R. J. Chance, Salem, and others.

Division managers, most of whom work out of the Salem office, will conduct the sessions include T. A. Williams, G. H. Read, James Cade, Stanley Stiffler, D. P. Schmidt and C. E. Schmitz.

SEC. NEWBRY SPEAKER
HERMISTON (U) — Secretary of State Earl Newbry was principal speaker Thursday at dedication of the new 30-bed Good Shepherd Hospital here.

Posters in Salem To Herald Scouts' 44th Anniversary

Posters announcing the 44th anniversary of the organization of the Boy Scouts of America, scheduled for the first week in February, will go on display in Salem this week-end, James Kern, Cherry City district scouting executive, announced Thursday.

Scouting activities in the Salem area during the week-long observance will include a window display contest in the downtown shopping area, annual report to the governor, court of honor and several individual tour projects.

Hi-Y Youths to Attend Meet

Four delegates from Salem Hi-Y Clubs will attend a youth in government planning session at Eugene Saturday. The meet will be in preparation for a pre-legislative planning assembly scheduled at the University of Oregon in February.

During the February meet, delegates will be elected to fill state government offices during the two-day YMCA youth in government program in April.

Scheduled to attend Saturday's session are Robert Payne, James Anderson, Terry Green, Vick Engdahl and Frank Washburn, director of boys' work.

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