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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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Northwest Work Program

The Pacific Northwest faces a reduction of \$21 million in funds for federal works projects in the region under the 1955 budget proposed by President Eisenhower. The total of over \$300 million remains a very substantial sum compared with most previous years. All uncompleted projects receive good-sized sums for continuance of work. While completion of the dam at The Dalles will be delayed some months, McNary dam will be finished on schedule. Principal disappointment arises from failure to recommend money for fresh starts in Northwest power and reclamation development. A token appropriation would have proven the administration intends to fulfill the responsibility it has assumed in Northwest river and land undertakings.

Of special interest is the increase in money for access roads for the Bureau of Land Management from the "million this year to \$3 for next." This is important for opening up O&C timber for marketing.

Columbia Basin spokesmen express regret that the allowance for extending irrigation works in Central Washington is cut by \$10 million to a mere \$8.6 million. However, in view of the farm surplus there is reason for slowing down opening fresh lands for intensive cultivation. We recall one farmer at the Oregon Farm Bureau meeting here a few weeks ago who reported that the new farmers on the Basin project were in dire straits unless they had a sugar beet contract. Those growing potatoes and alfalfa were not breaks

ing even. The Northwest has no particular claims for preference over the rest of the country. It must make some sacrifice in its desires in the common interest of restricting expenditures. And as the President lays out a program for the Northwest it provides lots of work and promises future benefits.

New Episode in Accordion War

The French recaptured Thakhek, the city on the Mekong river in Indochina which the Vietminh had seized in a dash across Laos in late 1953. This was just another episode in the accordion war which has continued for half a dozen years in Indochina. The Statesman remarked at the time that the Communist victory was largely one of prestige, that whenever the French and Vietman forces brought up some reenforcements they could erase it. That has been done, at least to the rescue of the terminal city on the Mekong opposite Thailand. The Reds had abandoned the city, just as the French did when Reds were in sight.

This type of undulating warfare is marked by crests and troughs, with no permanent levelling off of success or defeat. Apparently the war will go on indefinitely. The trouble is, there are more natives than French-

The star witness in the shooting of Walter Reuther, CIO labor leader, who ran off to Canada, now says he knows nothing about the case. So far, though, he hasn't sent back the \$5000 the CIO gratefully presented to him for breaking the case

Story Within a Story

They will be telling the story of suppressing the news of the kidnaping of Leonard Moskovitz in San Francisco at bull sessions of the press club for years to come, and debating it in editorial conferences. It became the story within the story, a double drama with reporters and radiomen cast in singular roles, namely to prevent the spread of the news in hopes of saving the life of the victim.

It worked too, for Moskovitz was seized by police, unharmed, though he had been threatened by his captors. Through the conspiracy of silence contacts were maintained between the kidnapers and the Moskovitz family until police scouting a district from which one of the phone calls came, nabbed one of the pair in a phone booth.

The news side of the affair is so singular that its story makes an interesting narrative. We pick up the account given in the San Francisco Chronicle and reprint it on this page. Rare indeed is the time when news and radio stations in a highly competitive field like San Francisco, agree to suppress news of interest and importance. Had the tactic failed the skeptics would have had a field day. The ruse worked; the kidnapers were caught; the kidnaped was set free. Read the story for yourself:

A falling off in sales of cigarets is attributed to the current agitation over nicotine tars as a cause of lung cancer. The slump probably will be overcome. After all, cigarets used to be called "coffin nails" but that didn't retard demand. Still, a person doesn't like the idea of smoking his way into cancer.

A life insurance company has a page ad in the current magazines which is clearly "illegal." It shows four persons and a dog riding in the front seat. That's no way to prolong life.

McNeil's Island can form a California club. Recently consigned there for durance vile were Vincent Hallinan, a Martinez doctor, a Bay area manufacturer. Now a used car dealer in San Francisco was convicted on the same charge, of short-changing the government on his income tax. "California, here we went."

Sierra Madre, California offers grim proof of the damage potential in forest and brush fires Ten feet of mud and rocks and debris cover some of its streets and envelop some of its houses. The stuff came in a slide off the adjacent mountains which were swept recently with fire. With the protective cover gone and the root system of the vegetation burned out there was nothing to hold the earth and when heavy rains came it flowed in a sticky mess onto the levels below. Protecting forests from fire not only preserves rich assets; it prevents rapid erosion which may be highly destructive.

Supporters of the gold-Bricker amendment claim they are going back to the Constitution. Actually they are going back on the constitution, back to the Articles of Confederation which proved unworkable. Bricker would cut in all the 48 states in the determination of our national and international policies. ____

Graham Dean, editor of the Ashland Tidings, has a column under the heading "On the Sunnyside." Here in the valley such a heading would have to be qualified with "weather per-

Montreal city archives show that 300 years ago fireflies were used as substitutes for candles. We might lay up a few gross of them against the next brown-out, except they are not native to the Northwest.

"A nickel change out of a 'ten-dollar bill! . . . and they call THIS a free parking lot. . . .

Inside TV . . .

Yale Theater Man In TV Come-down

By EVE STARR

HOLLYWOOD - Strange how things happen-especially in show business. In a recent "Lucy" show, the bit part of a waiter was played by Larry Dobkin. Time was when this boy wowed audiences at the Yale Theater with his portrayal of

"the melancholy Dane" in a full-length version of "Hamlet." Yale's plays are for invited guests and critics only, but Larry was so good the public demanded admission-and got it. Later he toured in "Watch On the Rhine." TViewers might like to see such talent in bigger parts.

Wonder if the great Blanche Yurka caught Tallulah Bankhead in Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler" last week. Yurka, once a protegee of fabulous David Belasco, was famous for her Ibsen repertoire. Al-

though she's done a few bits on TV, she ought to be at the head of producers' lists. La Yurka probably liked TVenus Bankhead's performance—as did nearly everyone who saw it. It was a first for Tallulah, and we hope there'll be more soon.

If not overdone, feuds are fun. No present-day TV feud can compare to the old radio wrangle between Jack Benny and Fred Allen. Now that the latter has hit video-maybe they'll pick up again where they left off. If so, don't keep it up too

Richard Carlson, the man who leads "Three Lives," takes his part seriously. He believes that many shows aimed at Communism do not present facts as they really are. Carlson says Commies are not stupid thugs, and viewers are misled when Iron Curtainers are so depicted. Viewers like Carlson's showfor its realism and entertainment value.

CRITIC'S CORNER: One of the most consistently good weekly shows is TV's only musical on ice. "Frosty Frolics" has earned its high rating through hard work and constant improvement-setting an example that many other shows should follow. With a fresh new theme each week, music and skating numbers are developed to

Last week, we skimmed across the gleaming ice into the year 2054, with visitors from outer space (on ice skates) and predictions of feminine finery of the future.

Mae Edwards can always be counted upon to do the extreme and unusual, and, we might add, in the least amount of hampering coverage. Tops for speed is Jerry Rayfield, whose about the 13th Century although spinning, jumping gyrations are a marvel of grace and control. there is evidence they were in-

But the highlight of the hour is the perfectly matched vented some centuries earlier. team-Joan and Buff McCuster. This pair seems to enjoy every moment of their effortless skating dance. It must be no easy task for this man of muscle to toss his curvaceous partner 'around with the greatest of ease - but you'd never know it. Training and split-second cooperation does it, and they have plenty of both.

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

Jan. 23, 1944

Wendell Willkie announced he would not enter the California presidential preference primary, but would enter the Wisconsin, Nebraska and Oregon primaries.

Yee Sing, veteran Salem Chinese restaurateur, entertained at a family dinner in observance of Chinese New Year. Leslie Junior high student

body held election with Bob Goffrier in the presidents' chair, Joy Smith, vice president; Pat Miller, secretary; Don Phillips, treasurer; Phillip Blankenship sergeant-at-arms; Maryanne Bonesteele, song-leader.

> 25 Years Ago Jan, 23, 1928

Leon Trotzky and his exiled companions made a formal pro-test and appeal to the communists international for reinstatement in the party. The appeal was not printed in Russia.

Financial backing to provide an additional faculty member and a number of scholarships was promised Kimball college by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist church.

Over 150 members and officers of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs in various parts of Oregon were in atin Salem.

Valve

Can Omit "Rest of World" To the Editor:

right when she said quote: "OREGON" and the rest of the For my part Oregon will be my

have been happier here than out. anywhere else I have ever lived. scenery unsurpassed, anywhere, the climate and last, but not ozone which is purer than California air ever could hope to be.

Chet Snyder 1647 Waller St.

Too Many Republican Editors! 6:32 p.m. To the Editor: tongue-tied, rarely writing even

a letter to the editor." They don't need to write letters to editors because there are so many Republican editors to do their writing for them. Of course Republican editors are above using "Agitprop" or anything similar. They use only facts in their editorials and are preserving the American way of life for us befuddled Demo-

> Robert W. Mitchell 633 Ferry St.



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"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,

As the swift seasons roll. Leave thy low-vaulted past, Let each new temple, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at length art free, Leaving thy shell by time's unresting sea."

Perhaps the muster of so many weapons with such great The Los Angeles, San Diego Winston Churchill with the ate. prescience with which his mind

That indeed were a consum- A Demand mation devoutly to be wished. Now we see the Nautilus, "lowvaulted," sealed against the can break the bonds of hate and fear, and leave the empty shells of now-useless submarines and bombers and battleships "by time's unresting sea."

Clocks came into use in Europe

By Lichty The Safety How News Media **Suppressed Story** Of S.F. Kidnaping

Surely Mrs. Lord was entirely (From San Francisco Chronicle) suaded to respect the agreement. I agree with her 100 per cent. lously close to being spilled on save on Monday night. several occasions during the On the press association's home for the rest of my life, I three day voluntary news black. California wire, which serves 69

cerned, viz., the people, the Chronicle that almost made it. fice. It began: An alert Chronicle reporter received a "tip" on the fact that least, the 'health breathing the Moskovitz family had receiv- ESTATE OPERATOR KIDNAPed a ransome note demanding ED AND HELD . . . \$500,000. He flashed that news

There had been no request to saged. "Republicans . . . seem to be keep the matter secret at that time, and The Chronicle's city swer. editor was deploying reporters and photographers before the police had time to think about

blacking out the news. An extra edition of The Chronicle was in preparation "break" key, Caunt called over a away from the Moskovitz home the situation. at 2900 Lake street.

However, with extra police- it. He didn't though. there were bound to be leaks. Out-of-Town Media

Out-of-town newspapers and ger of a leak. radio stations, who were not inof course, not bound by the blackout was a good thing. blackout agreement, nor even informed of it.

the Salt Lake Tribune heard the ed kidnapers as well as their story in a local club and telephoned Salt Lake. The publisher immediately sent queries to the Associated Press in San Francisco and to newspapers in Los Angeles, San Diego and Chicago with which he has newsexchange agreements.

power of destruction may serve and Chicago newspapers also as such a warning against war- sent urgent inquiries to San fare that no nation will start a Francisco. They were informed war lest it be destroyed in the by telephone of the blackout process. Prime Minister Sir agreement and asked to cooper-Of the three principal radio

has been gifted, foresaw such networks, two informed their a possibility in one of his re- New York offices of the blackcent speeches on world affairs. out agreement, and one did not. One network received a tip in

New York from an FBI informant and immediately telephondeep waters. What a glorious ed San Francisco, demanding the day it will be when humanity facts be broadcast. It was a touchy few minutes, but the New York officials were pur-

> FREE ESTIMATES On Floor Coverings

NORRIS-WALKER PAINT COMPANY

It can now be disclosed that . An alert teletype operator in the well-kept secret of Leonard the San Francisco office of the Moskovitz kidnaping came peri- United Press made a goal-line

newspapers in the State, a note The first near-slip occurred on started to appear on the ma-That goes with any angle con- Saturday evening, and it was The chines in the San Francisco of-

"SX (code for San Francisco) CLIENT ASKS STORY SX REAL

Frank Caunt, a veteran news to The Chronicle office, half an operator, immediately punched hour before the first, inadver- his finger on the "break" buttent, police radio broadcast at ton, interrupting the message. "Who's sending," Caunt mes-

"Los Angeles," was the an-

"Lay off that," Caunt ordered. The Los Angeles answer was,

Hurried Kev Holding his finger on the

when Chief of Inspectors James wire editor, who put through a English telephoned to ask that hurried call to the United Press Chronicle staff men be called Los Angeles office, explaining On Sunday night, Walter Win-

When it became evident that chell had what was perhaps the the co-operation of all news biggest audience of Bay Area media would be given, the newsmen. The word had gone Chronicle extra was dismantled, out that Winchell had got wind and no copy of it ever reached of the news, and had telephoned out here, threatening to "break"

men being called to duty, and Since news is a perishable with newspaper, radio, television commodity that diminishes in and wire service men calling value most rapidly when sometheir wives to explain why they one else has it ahead of you, would not be home on time, every one of the hundreds of round-the-clock news men in on the secret was alert to the dan-

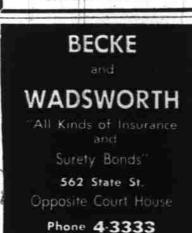
Naturally, from copy boy to formed of the agreement among editor, there was a lot of debate San Francisco Bay media, were about whether a voluntary news

Some urged that it was a dangerous precedent to suppress A friend of the publisher of news, and that doing so protectvictims.

LONGEST RUN

LONDON (INS) - The longest railway run in the world is now made daily by the "Elizabethian," between London and Edinburgh, a distance of 393 miles on a regular schedule of 651/2 miles per hour.

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There's something fresh and wholesome about the whole show. The musical arrangements are generally good, thanks to Manny Eisenhower's 54-55 Budget Said Based Strand, but it's best when a series of known songs and melodies are woven into the action. Roberta Lynn's vocals enhance almost every number, but unfortunately she's never seen. While back-Precariously on Important Assumptions grounds are sometimes a bit sketchy, we'll forgive that department because more often than not, it bowls us over with an effect that makes the number. visits to six states and Washing- People in the lower income ton itself, is whether there will brackets seem pretty sure that (Copyright 1964, General Features Corp.) be a depression. they do better in periods of infla-

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.

Associated Press News Analyst President Eisenhower's 1954-55

Among them: 1 - The estimate that defense expenditures can be based on a better in 1953 than in her record diet. Many of them will also dislong-range view of Russian inven- year of 1952, but usually good agree with the budget-makers at tions, with substitution of weapons of massive retaliation, and of tactical atomic weapons, for manpower.

2 - A belief that business will maintain approximately its present level and so pay present taxes. 3 - A confidence that Congress will accept the budget estimates as bedrock, and not insist on greater tax reductions than proposed, or include expenditures which have been omitted,

The President reached out for a broad layer of popular support with his proposals to give smaller taxpayers a break with their returns, and to increase social security benefits. But Congress wanted far broad-

er action as the November elec-

tions drew closer, and there were

immediate threats that the administration would not be able to hold cuts, some of them already scheduled for April. Not only in Congress, but among the people, there is considerable nervousness over the defense picture. The tendency to rely on the President in this field where he is particularly fitted to weigh the estimates of his advisers is at least partially offset by the in-grained belief, drilled in by the

that this is a grave period in which to live. People to whom I have talked want no chance-taking. Mostly, they want the military to have everything they could possibly need. Out of the other side of their mouths, they talk tax reduc-

President as much as anyone else.

tion.

just a tiny bit.

One small business woman did little pork is necessary to a good months were bad and usually bad points which truly effect the genmonths were good, and she was eral welfare.

You can't make any sense out tion, even with high prices. White budget is based, somewhat pre- of these people. They quarrel collar workers are convinced that, cariously, on several important about high prices, and shudder whenever there is any change, when prices stop climbing or drop they get it in the neck. Congressmen always think a

upset because she couldn't figure With all this confusion, the conthings out. She was pretty sure troversy over this new budget things were going to pot.

promises to be furious. Literary Guidepost By W. G. ROGERS

PERSIAN ADVENTURE, by Anne Sinclair Mehdevi (Knopf; \$3,50). In two ceremonies, in New York and in Meshed, Anne Sinclair, newswoman from Wichita wed Mohammed and became Anne Sinclair Mehdevi to us westerners and Khanoum Mohamed Aga to her Iranian hus-

band's countrymen In between the ceremonies, the usual thing in New York and a touching ritual in Mohamed's home, come all the experiences which add up to this "adventure." They began prosaically in a Greenwich Village basement, the young couple's first lodging. They continued matter of fact on their trip to the Near East by ship to Beirut, plane to Teheran, and by Ford to the mother-in-law's where she occupied a room still western: Linoleum, grapejuice bottle holding drink-

ing water, pot-bellied stove stamped U. S. Army. From then on life turned strange and unfamiliar, sometimes as romantic and glamor-But the one universal question ous as it had promised to be. East; it's the facts about a fabinto which I have run, in recent About the only usual event was led land.

view of the shimmering Peacock Throne. For the rest, there were the great congeries of unredictable relatives, from the father-in-law with his numerous wives to aunts who might be infants and nephews who were bearded men. There were the patients carried piggy-back to the dispensary; the custom of korsi, a sort of big family bed: the mysteries of the chador; the eunuch in a Buick; the bride's curious task of arguing for her

However, there were the autoists, who must have made the author think she was right back in New York: "It would be unthinkable for a driver to show courtesy toward a pedestrian." This is a most refreshing book.

while Miss Sinclair provides glimpses of people as newsworthy as Mossadegh, she probes deeper and more reveal-ingly in less public places. Despite her own romance and the romance of ancient Persia, she remains very practical and unstarry-eyed. This is the Midwest looking sensibly at the Near

40 Years Ago Jan. 23, 1914

Editorially-William Reid is being paid \$350,000 by the Portland dock commission for two blocks on the east side of the river, for a city dock site. Might have been bought for 30 cents, half a life time ago.

State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination and re-election to the office he now holds.

Colonel Goethals was recently tendered the police commissionship of New York by Mayor Mitchell.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? He was excused on account of his youth."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hierarchy, hilarious, hinderance, hickory. 4. What does the word "inadmissible" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with inc that means "beginning;

ANSWERS 1. Say, "because of his youth." Pronounce first syllable as play, not as in plack. 3. Hindrance. 4. Not worthy to be admitted. "The discussion of this subject is inadmissible." 5. In-



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