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Angus Gibson to Retire From Senate

Another veteran legislator will be missed when the Oregon Senate convenes next January. Angus Gibson, the doughty Scotsman of Junction City, has announced his retirement at the end of his present term.

Hostages to Nationalist China

The 14,000 repatriated Chinese prisoners of war were warmly welcomed when they reached Formosa on transports provided by the USA.

Senator Bricker refuses to make any deal with the administration or other Republican senators on a compromise for his amendment to alter the treaty-making process.

Administration's Messages to Congress Result of Prolonged, Painstaking Effort

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP
WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower has by no means finished presenting his massive legislative program to the Congress and the country.

This half-pound or so of documents—each of them a plain exposition of a complex subject or subjects—is already enough to prove one point. In range and scope, in order and coherence of presentation, the Eisenhower program for 1954 is due to set some things of a national record.

ald Morgan and Jack Martin. Roger Jones, representing the budget bureau, was added to the group from outside. To this group, all cabinet departments and agencies were ordered to submit their legislative proposals.

that formulated the decisions on foreign, defense and agricultural policy—the really hot ones. In other cases, decisions were posed to him. During all this period, the White House was the target of a thousand conflicting pressures, such as the pressure from the industrialists of the Business Advisory Council, who sponsored the famous and bitterly controversial strike vote provision of the labor program.

Ben Hur Lampman

Illness had stayed the writing hand of Ben Hur Lampman the past several years and now death has ended his prolonged illness. But the writings of Ben Hur Lampman assure him of the immortality which attends literature.

Dickenson Court Martial

Some surprise was expressed over the filing of charges against Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson, late repatriate from the group of recalcitrant POWs in Korea.

It should be remembered that thousands of other prisoners suffered maltreatment; that many were subjected to physical or mental torture or were subjected to indoctrination courses in Communism, yet they remained true and loyal soldiers and marines.

So many cases of wrongful conviction of persons accused of crimes they did not commit have been reported that one wonders just what is wrong with our system of justice.

Willamina reported a total fire loss of \$55 in 1953. It is loss records like that which enable insurance companies to stay in business.

DEEP SEATED!



Comes the Dawn in Conrad France

Who says Salem doesn't produce big shots in the movie field? The Three key men in producing educational films for the State Bd. of Higher Education are Salem Hi grads and their folks still live here—unspooled by fame.

Well, Rep. Mark Hatfield is ready for the senate, alright... He dropped a letter to the state board of control the other day...

Statesman newsmen to a man were glad to see fellow-reporter Jim Miller land the Big Story... But things were a little cool when a couple reporters confessed Monday that relations are strained in their family circles...

The local Forty et Eight, honor and fun organization of the American Legion, does its good deeds the hard way... It was reported at a recent meeting that the organization recently purchased a hearing aid for a child at the State School for the Blind...

Well, at least no one can accuse Salem theatres of ignoring religion... First we had the prominent movie "Martin Luther"... It is followed by "Sins of Jezebel"...

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I think a fund raising luncheon is much more practical than a Bazaar... then, if we don't make any money we can at least eat..."

City Hardware Men to Attend Tariff Report Said 'Middle Of the Road' Convention

An estimated 30 hardware dealers from the Salem area will attend the three-day convention of the North Coast Retail Hardware Association starting in Portland Jan. 31.

Audio-Visual Meeting To Hear Dr. Snyder

Dr. Walter E. Snyder, superintendent of public schools, is scheduled to speak at a luncheon meeting Friday at the winter conference of the Oregon Audio-Visual Association.

Time Flies

10 Years Ago

Sir Richard Acland, leader of Britain's newest political party, the Commonwealth, formally gave to the nation his two big estates valued at \$1,000,000.

25 Years Ago

Although she gave away nearly \$30,000,000 during the last six years of her life, Mrs. Anna M. Harkness, widow of one of the founders of the Standard Oil company, left a net estate of \$103,232,408 when she died.

40 Years Ago

At Stores, Utah, heard for miles, an avalanche swept down the mountainside killing three persons and ground houses to splinters. The slide descended over a mile.

Tariff Report Said 'Middle Of the Road'

The President's Foreign Economic Policy Commission has produced about as near a middle of the road report as it could without recommending "no change" or, flying in the face of world trends, higher tariffs.

The underlying principle that foreign countries shall get trade concessions only to the extent to which they grant them remains untouched.

That the President shall have power under certain circumstances to gradually reduce, up to 15 per cent over three years, rates which have already been reduced the legal limit.

It will also probably account for a great deal of opposition to the whole program in Congress.

They are supported by a good many American business men who feel that America's transition from a debtor to a creditor nation over the past 40 years has completely changed the conditions under which the protective tariff policy was built up.

They are opposed by a host of interests which fear specific damage—and the Commission ruled out one suggestion, that specific damage be covered by government subsidy.

On one thing there seemed to be little room for argument: that a mountain of conflicting tariff classifications and customs arrangements which hamper trade, over and above the general rates, needs to be revised.

State Constitution Committee to Meet

The state constitution committee, created in 1953 to study the possibility of amending or rewriting the state constitution, will meet in Salem Thursday to discuss provisions of the current constitution relating to the executive department, administrative department, education, school lands and state printing.

Advertisement for Willamette Valley Bank, featuring a clock showing 8:30 to 5:30 and the text 'BANK at your Convenience'. It lists services like teller services, savings, and checking accounts, and provides the address: 1990 Fairgrounds Road, University Branch: 1310 State Street.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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debtor to a creditor position helped to precipitate or to deepen and prolong the depression. If the Randall commission report serves to head off a rash of tariff increases in this postwar period it will prove its worth.

As a matter of fact the people of the country have a much clearer understanding of the economics of foreign trade than before. Sentiment favorable to the loosening of barriers has spread. Even interests which are sensitive to foreign competition in their own fields admit the general desirability of the freer flow of trade.

The most important recommendations of the Randall commission are: giving the President power to cut tariffs by 5 per cent each year for three years to a total of 15 per cent; encouraging the convertibility of foreign currencies; stimulating private investments overseas; discontinuing domestic policy of high and rigid price supports; ending economic aid to foreign countries; reducing or eliminating regulatory restrictions on foreign trade.

One thing the report does is to reveal the great complexity of the foreign trade problem. It is not just a matter of cutting American tariffs. Our tariffs have been cut over the years. Many other countries have worse trade restrictions than do we in the way of tariffs and quotas.

The value of the Randall commission's report lies in the fact that it is a syllabus on the nation's prime economic problems, the management of its foreign trade. Even the dissenters will find it hard to argue logically against its thesis, which is that world trade should be encouraged, and that the United States should be ready to make concessions which give promise of stimulating that trade.

We must just wait awhile longer for the public and the politicians to inform themselves on the facts of economic life which the majority of the Randall commission recognize—and hope that the waiting is not so long that it precipitates a business recession.

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He searched everyplace for his watch, and at long last found it."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "vegetable"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Chiffoniere, chinchilla, chivalrous, chicanery.