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## Burden of State Welfare

The welfare load keeps inching up. The number of assistance cases receiving aid in February was the highest since March, 1952. Total welfare expenditures for the month were over \$2.5 million. In the same month last year the outlay was \$2.38 million. The number on old age assistance decreased slightly but with higher average payments the amount provided for old age assistance was increased slightly over the preceding month but a little less than for February, 1953.

General assistance is the item showing a substantial increase, the number of cases rising in the year from 8,024 to 8,936 and expenditures rose from \$475,000 to \$551,000. Aid to dependent children amounted to \$420,343 which was distributed to 3,421 families.

Oregon ranks high among the states in the average aid provided in most of the programs, among the first ten. However, the ratio of the number receiving assistance in Oregon to the total population is low compared with other states.

Costs except for general assistance are shared by the federal government, the state and counties. The GA burden is carried by the state and counties alone. Counties are looking ahead with some concern to welfare requirements for next year as they set about preparing budgets. How to provide funds for this and other budget items and stay within the 6 per cent limitation promises to furrow the brows of county budget committees.

## Lone Independent

Senator Morse spoke at the Roosevelt dinner in Medford Saturday night. The Medford Mail-Tribune reports that the lone member of the Independent party in the Senate was met at the airport by Joseph Carson, Portland, Democratic candidate for governor who will introduce the senator at tonight's event; Howard Morgan, Monmouth, state Democratic chairman; Mrs. Albert Straus, Jackson county democratic Central committee vice-chairman, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kelly, prominent Jackson county Democrats.

What is the old saying about "birds of a feather . . . ?"

Newspaper heading: COMMITTEE SEEKS PARKING SOLUTIONS. That heading might have been in most any newspaper from Portland, Maine to Portland, Ore. However, it was in the Register-Guard at Eugene whose voters rejected a bond issue for providing off-street parking a short time ago. They find they still have the problem of car parking to face.

## Dulles' 'United Action' Speech Interpreted As Warning U. S. May Enter Indochina War

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — The news from Indochina only increases the importance of the commitment the President and Secretary Dulles publicly made to the French government last week.

Although neither the Congress nor the country seems to realize it, America now stands publicly committed to united military action to win the Indochina War, if this becomes necessary. "United action" was the milder phrase that Secretary Dulles used in his Overseas Press Club speech. But his warning that this "united action" might "involve serious risks" showed plainly what he meant.

This interpretation of Dulles was in turn supported by the way the President handled the problem at his press conference. And this interpretation has been given by the State Department, in reply to the anxious official inquiries made by the British and French.

Why, first of all, did Secretary Dulles feel forced to offer this enormously important and far-reaching commitment at this time? Some observers, including these reporters, have been warning that such a step would be necessary for many weeks. But until very recently, the State Department did not share this unpleasant view of the situation.

The answer to the riddle is rather simple. Public men rarely do immensely disagreeable things until they have to. When General Navarre took command in Indochina, he produced the Navarre plan, which was "a plan for victory." Although the evidence was to the contrary, the State and Defense Depart-

ments kept hoping against hope that the Navarre plan might work after all. That phase only ended when General Paul Ely came to Washington for his recent talks with President Eisenhower and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

General Ely had just been to Indochina to inspect the situation on behalf of Defense chiefs of staff. He had come back via Paris, where he had talked with the leaders of his government. He brought the word to our government that there was no hope of victory in Indochina, at least with the means now at the disposal of the French command there. In these circumstances, he stated that French policy must be to secure a negotiated settlement at all costs.

There is no fighting line in Indochina as there was in Korea. The enemy is everywhere, and if the French withdraw, the Communist forces will enjoy absolute predominance. Thus any local "negotiated settlement" must surely lead—and lead rather rapidly—to a final, total Communist victory in Indochina, with all its catastrophic consequences throughout Asia.

The message of Gen. Ely was certainly highly unwelcome to an administration that had been hoping to luck through in Indochina, at least until the fall elections. But the facts now had to be faced.

Those who deserve the very high credit for seeing that the facts were squarely faced are Secretary Dulles and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Arthur Radford. They were the team whose rock-like insistence on action to save Indochina finally won the day in a difficult and agonizing debate among our policy makers. They were firm. The President was with them. So the Dulles speech was made.

The second question to be asked, therefore, is whether the Dulles speech inevitably means future American involvement in another Asian war. Obviously, it may mean just this, if the French cannot win with the means they now have, and will not carry on the war without

## Advertising Gall

One of the most brazen exhibitions of advertising gall was the page ad of Kent cigarettes which tried to show a virtual endorsement of its filter cigarettes over all others, by the American Medical Association. The AMA in an editorial in its Journal has given as severe a condemnation of an ad as we have seen in a long time. It merits reprinting.

"The unauthorized and medically unethical use of the prestige and reputation of the American Medical Association and the Journal in Kent cigarette advertisements currently appearing in the American press and other channels of mass communication constitutes an outrageous example of commercial exploitation of the American medical profession. The implication in these advertisements that the American Medical Association authorizes, supports, or approves any particular brand of cigarettes or combination of claims made in their behalf—whether by means of or without filters, reconstituted or denicotinized—provides a most reprehensible instance of hubris."

Both the manufacturer and the advertising agency deserve this rebuke for this offense against the AMA and against good taste in advertising.

Many people get mixed up with the words "capitol" and "capitol." The former is used to designate the seat of government. Thus, Salem is the capital of Oregon, Washington the capital of the United States. The building housing the principal offices of government is the capitol. The "capitol" is at the "capitol." Here we have another use of the word capitol in the designation of a street. It is Capitol street, north or south, not Capital. Printers, proofreaders, sign painters, letter writers should take particular pains to get the correct distinction between the two words.

Premier Laniel of France fired Marshal Alphonse-Pierre Juin from his posts as head of the war council and military adviser for insubordination. He had criticized the plan for a European defense army and failed to report to the premier when ordered to. The case is in many ways parallel to the firing of Gen. MacArthur as supreme commander in the Far East, with this exception, no report comes of a great furore raised in behalf of Juin.

## Editorial Comment

### THE TAXPAYERS' FRIEND

Dorman unquestionably is the taxpayers' friend. His sense of duty is strong. His critics often contend that his policies are not true economy; that he buys inferior goods to save pennies and loses money thereby.

But when he hears such criticism Dorman either strikes back angrily or chuckles audibly, as he does about the soap deal.

It seems that some of the state offices wanted a certain nationally advertised brand of hand soap. Dorman found he could buy the same brand of soap under a different name and at a much lower price. When they failed to get soap with the nationally advertised name office employees set up a great howl although the two products were identical.

We've known Harry Dorman for a good many years. Whether or not we agree with all of his policies, we admire his devotion to the job to which he is assigned and his pride in achievement—a pride that inspires him to public and amply documented defense, rather than the sullen defiance so frequently experienced in like situations, or yielding to expediency.

Roseburg News-Review



## Comes the Dawn

March newsletter . . . clip and send, cut and burn, etc. . . . March opened with good weather but on a note of tragedy . . . Auto accident near Seio claimed lives of four—Melvin and Marvin Quinett, 27, twins, and their married sisters, Mrs. Ellen Shaffer and Mrs. Georgene Wealand . . . Walter J. Wirth starts work as Salem's new city parks supt. . . . Spring Festival, with prizes and queens, opens in Salem . . . District 11-A basketball tourney boils down to three teams—Salem, Silverton and Stayton with Salem Hi coming out on top . . . Some talk of running dog races at the State Fair this year instead of ponies—so far, just talk . . .



Charles W. Terry, Alabama, appointed director of Oregon Civil Service Commission to succeed Jim Clinton who resigned to set up civserv program in Philippines . . . Move starts for big Silverton Union Hi School district . . . Mother Nature showed she is just a fickle gal after all and on March 10 piled up 5 inches of snow in the Santiam canyon and whipped the valley with snow, rain, hail, wind and sunshine . . . Total of 684 Baptists attend annual meeting of Conservative Baptists Assoc. in Salem . . . S. Salem students pick "Saxons" as nickname for the new S. Salem Hi School and scarlet and Columbia blue as school colors . . . Amanda Mellissa Clark, Dallas, 100 years old, dies . . .

Mrs. Helen Brinkley, 19, Lebanon, is shot in head (she recovers) and an AWOL soldier acquaintance, Pvt. Arthur Zerker of Waterloo is held . . . Ed Randle enters Salem mayor race . . . Two of the country's largest variety store chains—the W. T. Grant Co. and the J. J. Newberry Co.—eye locations in Salem . . . Marion County selected to participate in polio test vaccine shots . . . Salem Hi knocked out of State BB Tourney by Gresham in first-round tilt . . . New \$2,000,000 Marion County courthouse almost ready for occupancy—usual flurry stirred up over plans to move WWI doughboy statue a few feet to the north . . . One of Salem's planned TV stations drops out of picture leaving only KSLM-TV still in focus but not very clear . . .

WU seniors win fourth straight Frosh Glee . . . Salem City Council studies suggestion that housewives be deputized as special traffic patrolmen (or women) particularly in traffic-busy school areas . . . A team of German business and lay persons visit Salem . . . Six teen-agers plead guilty to looting cars in Silver Falls area—60 looters in several months with over \$2,000 in cash and property involved . . . Salem Senators (baseball) to start spring training here April 5 . . . Clay Egelston, veteran coach at Parrish Jr. Hi., moves to N. Salem Hi as athletic director—succeeds Vern Gilmore, who climbs into job of director of health and physical education for entire city school system . . .

Sharon McKimmey, Hazel Green, grand winner in annual Statesman-KSLM mid-valley spelling contest . . . James Oberg, St. Paul 7th grader, was second, and MaryAnn Canin, Turner seventh grader, won third place . . . Prison cop plants a dummy in his cell, tries to escape, found next day inside the walls with no place to go . . . Oregon motorists will get blue and gold auto license plates next year . . . Big Shrock Motor Co. building on Court and Chmeketa sold and to be turned into a general office bldg.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Has Bill put in his appearance as yet?"

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Savagery, saturnine, saurkraut, sanctimonious.

4. What does the word "vindicate" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with de that means "a misleading of the mind"?

Answers

1. Say "Has Bill appeared yet?"

2. Pronounce kol-um, and not kol-yum. 3. Saurkraut. 4. To sustain; justify. "The boy vindicated his father's judgment."

5. Delusion.

The average U. S. motorist drives about 10,800 miles today compared to 6,600 miles in 1929.

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## HOTFOOT!

## Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

### 10 Years Ago

April 4, 1944

The names of two men for president—Wendell L. Willkie, Republican, New York City, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democrat incumbent—will appear on the Oregon ballot at the primary election on May 19.

Alvin Crose and William E. Deeney were chosen by ballot following a speech competition at Salem Toastmasters Club, to serve as the club's representatives in a speech contest at Eugene.

Bay Meadows track at San Mateo, Calif., paid off its largest daily double of the current racing season when holders of \$2 tickets were awarded with \$2,917.90.

### 25 Years Ago

April 4, 1929

A social war in the capitol broke as Vice President Curtis laid before the state department a firm protest against its decision that his sister and official hostess, Mrs. Edward Gann, should rank below wives of the foreign diplomats at official dinners.

April showers turned to snow through Oregon and cities as far west as Bend reported heavy and thin coatings while fruit growers feared continuance of unseasonable temperature would mean thousands of dollars loss.

The Nationalist government at Hankow, China, was victorious in its first serious clash with rebellion in the provinces. Wuhan armies collapsed.

### 40 Years Ago

April 4, 1914

In order to develop the interest of the German army in the Olympic games to be held in Berlin 1916, The Military weekly started the publication of a sporting supplement, and Emperor William presented a gold cup as first prize in a lawn tennis tournament for officers of the army and navy.

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## IT SEEMS TO ME

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fall of this. "heterogeneous group of radicals" who thought to put the conservative AFL out of business but wound up as "a small fraternity of itinerant rebels and hoboes." As Tyler writes:

"Zealous, individualistic, and free from ordinary social constraints, Wobblies acted with humor or fanaticism, from idealistic motives or from malice, but always with a raggedy dash."

They inveighed against the "master class" at every opportunity. Sacrilegiously, they appropriated the tunes of well known hymns for use with their verses of contempt, like this:

"Onward Christian soldiers, rip and tear and smite! Let the gentle Jesus bless your dynamite."

Clashes with city police occurred over the soap box speechmaking of the IWWs or their fomenting of strikes. At the Everett dock they were greeted with gunfire. Five of their number and two of the deputy sheriffs on the docks were killed.

Still remembered is the clash between marchers in an armistice day parade at Centralia in 1919 and the IWW whose hall was raided. Several of the Legionnaires were killed, and later one of the Wobblies was lynched. A number of the IWWs were indicted and tried for murder and convicted. With the passing of time tempers cooled and qualms of conscience over the convictions led to the release of the prisoners, the last one in 1939. This was the last flare-up of IWW activity in the Northwest. The new generation of radicals were more philosophical, rarely direct actionists; and labor unions took care to steer clear of Socialism and Communism and confine their efforts to fighting for their own welfare instead of overturning society.

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## The Safety Valve

WOULD OUTLAW COMMUNIST PARTY

To the Editor:

I sent in a letter to you about a week ago stating my experiences while in Communist Poland in 1946. I stated in the letter about my bad memories of Communism. About three days after this was published I received some undesirable literature from some local Communists. It brings to mind how close we are to Communism right here in Salem. I think that with the present world situation, with Communism threatening to smother the whole free world, that it is about time to do something about these fanatics before it is too late. I will admit that this is a free country and that anyone has the right to believe and think as they wish, but Communism has gotten to the point where it is threatening our very existence. Is it going to take a war for us to realize that these people have no place in our society? Most of the Communists advocate the overthrow of our government and therefore should fall under the status of at least undesirable. We have come to a point where hydrogen weapons can in a single blow cripple entire countries. Local Communists, small as they may be now, could in the future do undesirable harm to this country. I advocate the outlawing of the Communist party in this country, and the rounding up of all known Communists. Most of the Communists are smart enough to know what they are doing, and can see what Communism threatens to do to the free world.

Wobblies rebelled against long since have moderated; the feud bunkhouses in logging camps, the long trail for the bundle stiffs. Another change is the end of the period of the local Vigilantes, the clerks and businessmen armed with staves, perhaps deputized as peace officers, who herded the Wobblies out of town by beating them up. The "rebels of the woods" were hell-raising fools; but the way they were suppressed in many Northwest cities makes a sorry chapter in local history.

THIEF HAS DRY RUN  
OMAHA (AP)—A thief stole a big carton of bottles from a truck making a delivery to a wholesale liquor concern here. They were display bottles—all bone-dry.

DONALD P. EVANS

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