"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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Safety Installations Ordered

The order of Charles Heltzel, public utilities commissioner, directing the Southern Pacific railroad to install improved safety devices at various grade crossings in Salem gives hope for action that will reduce the toll of accidents at such crossings. The order is selective, fitting the recommendation to the particular crossing. Thus drop-arm bars are ordered installed at certain crossings, and at others flashing lights with gongs, and at others more conspicuous signs. The city also is admonished to remove brush and trees which obscure vision at crossings and to provide improved illumination.

What the expense of the new installations will be is not stated but according to the law it falls on the railroad. Whether the SP will resist the order by resort to court action is not known. In any event the cost is far less than would be involved in grade separation which is recognized as the only certain way of avoiding crossing accidents.

While the city council initiated the proceeding before the commissioner it was the Salem League of Women Voters who sparked the effort and backed up their demand for action with a thorough survey of the local crossing situation. This study was done by a committee of which Mrs. John Goldsmith was chairman and set a good example for building a case on the basis of facts.

We hope that the order of the commission is soon complied with, for it gives promise of reducing the chance of death or injury at rail crossings. The changes will not remove risk, and motorists and pedestrians are still under the obligation to look and listen and if necessary to stop for their own protection as they approach railroad crossings.

'Release Date' Fiasco

A few weeks ago The Statesman said it would use its own judgment with respect to release dates on news material sent in for publication. It takes the position that news is news and unless there is valid reason for withholding it to a certain date it will be used as received.

The old custom of employing an advance release date was blown sky high with the fiasco over news about "Operation Ivy." the explosion of the H-bomb of 1952. The handling of the publicity was given to the civil defense agency. It tailored the production for various media, and attached a release date about a week ahead. The story just wouldn't stay bottled up. As Roscoe Drummond, Washington bureau chief for the New York Herald-Tribune, says: "this paternal procedure for delayed release was artificial, arbitrary and discriminatory."

For that matter, why was the intelligence on the November, 1952 bomb blast delayed until after the H-bomb explosions in March made the report ancient history? Will we in about 18 months get the play-by-play description of the tests of March 1 and March

26 which reveal a destructive force that Secretary Wilson calls "unbelievable?" The reaction from "Operation Ivy" intelligence shows that the American people can take it. They have become mentally conditioned to marvels of science both through the magic of invention and the soaring invention of writers of science faction.

As for release dates, wash them out except where there is legitimate reason for observing a publication dating, as when a speech is circulated to news media in advance of the delivery date.

Work Week for State Employes

The federal law fixing 40 hours as the standard work week has been in effect for over 15 years. It does not apply to public bodies, but steadily over the years public agencies have been reducing the work week of their employes to come within that standard. Recently the Oregon State Employes Association appealed to the state highway commission to scale down the work-week of highway maintenance employes which have remained at 44 hours, or in some cases 48 hours. The commission agreed to look into the matter, and it is expected that a fourhour reduction will be instituted before very

Private industry engaged in interstate commerce has been subject to the wages and hours act for a long time and has made the adjustment required by that law. Public employment should not be at standards less favorable to workers than for private employment. In some situations longer work weeks than 40 hours may be required, as for short periods, and the overtime should return added compensation; but the base work week should be 40 hours.

The worst situation used to be in state institutions where attendants had to work a ten-hour day or even longer. That has all been changed and employes now work an eight-hour shift five days a week. This has added greatly to cost of operation; but it does bring the state into conformity with federal standards for private employment. and gives better service to inmates. The highway department can make the change too-just as the steel industry found it could cut its work-day down from twelve hours to eight after President Harding appealed to Judge Gary to do so.

No Double Duty

A trial run of having policemen and firemen in Oregon City combine duties came to a dead end and the city manager called off the experiment. Neither group wanted to learn or do the chores of the other. Policemen didn't want to become smoke-chasers and firemen didn't want to boss traffic or dodge bullets of yeggs. According to the Enterprise-Courier 15 cities have made the scheme work, having a single department of public safety; but after only three or four days of training Oregon City abandoned the project. It is true that each is a vocation in itself, the chief similarity being that both policemen and firemen wear blue uniforms, work for the city and draw salary checks from the city. And the larger the city the greater the need for the specialized services.

After 20 years of able and faithful service, Miss Lillian McDonald has resigned as superintendent of Salem General Hospital. She can leave with a high sense of satisfaction both in the performance of taxing duties during the critical war and postwar years and in the completion of the new unit of Salem General in which she was deeply interested. The community remains greatly in

World War Seen in Dulles' Gamble For Indochina Settlement at Geneva Meeting

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON - "Some-times it is necessary," Secretary of State Dulles remarked in his recent New York speech, "to take risks to win peace."

Hardly anyone yet seems to realize how very serious are the risks which Secretary Dulles, with President Eisenhow e r's consent, is now prepared to take. The most

serious is nothing less than the risk of general war.

Dulles has said, in effect that a failure to negotiate an acceptable Indo-Chinese settlement at the forthcoming Geneva conference will invite "united action." He has underscored this warning by initiating well publicized diplomatic talks with

Siam.

Stewart Alsor France, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and

Dulles has shrewdly refused to spell out in detail and in advance just what "united action" means. But one key diplomat in Washington interprets his obvious meaning as follows: "Action doesn't mean talk, and it doesn't mean money - it means troops." In short, "united action" means the dispatch of military forces by the United States and other free nations to Indo-China, to bolster the French and Viet Nam forces

Since this action which Dulles proposes is to be "united," the final decision does not rest only with the United States. But preliminary soundings indicate that most at least of the other nations with vital interests in the area agree in principle to sending forces to Indo-China, if it becomes clear that there is no alternative other than Communist victory there.

The French, for their part, make no bones about it-they cannot, or will not, carry on the war on the present basis after Geneva. But the French do seem likely to agree to continue to supply the bulk of the non-Asian ground troops—which is a Dulles pre-condition — given the new basis for the war proposed by Dulles in his New York

For the present, in other words, no one is predicting the participation of several Amercan divisions in Indo-China, as in Korea. But "united action" does inescapably mean the direct participation of American forces in the war. And it is from this that the risks of a much larger war spring.

Most French officials - and some American and British officials as well-believe that any direct American participation in Indo-China will insure full schle Chinese Communist intervention, as in Korea. The United States is then committed to retaliate-and the mildest form this retaliation could take is the bombing of the southern Chinese supply lines. In this case the Chinese could-and probably would-invoke the Sino-Soviet treaty.

The Kremlin would then be faced with the nightmarish choice of abandoning its Chinese ally, or risking world war. It is just because this choice is so nightmarish that there is hope that "united action" may never become necessary at all. Before the Korean truce, Dulles took the opportunity of a private talk with Indian Premier Nehru to let the Communist side know that the alternative to a truce was an enlarged war. Dulles is known to believe that this and other prior warnings made the truce possible.

As previously reported in this space, in Berlin Dulles had a similar private talk with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov. He told Molotov in effect that the United States would fight, however reluctantly, rather than see Indo-China absorbed in the Soviet-Communist regime. The "united action" speech and the diplomatic talks now going on have served to underline this warning.

There are some signs that the

warning may be having the desired effect. Soviet Ambassador to France, Sergei Vinogradov, for example, recently told French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault with great emphasis that he was certain some acceptable formula for peace in Indo-China could be found at Geneva. There was also the significant speech by Chinese Politburo member Chen-Yu, already cited in this space, hinting that the Indo-Chinese Communists might have to be abandoned in the interests of world

Yet there are signs pointing in the other direction as well. Soviet diplomats are now given to repeating like a litany that China is, after all, a sovereign nation with a will of its own. And at least one Russian diplomat has remarked flatly to a Western colleague that "the American Senate will never agree to send troops to Indo-China,"-an obvious hint that the Kremlin thinks Dulles is

Dulles is not bluffing. He is certainly gambling - which is not the same thing-and his gamble certainly involves hairraising risks for both sides. His gamble may turn out very badly indeed—one Dulles critic has remarked that "Dulles is an amateur poker player who has been enveigled into a chess game for enormous stakes with experts." Yet Dulles has taken his gamble simply because he is convinced that the only alternative is the loss of Indo-China, and that the loss of Indo-China could only be the prelude to other and progressively more terrible disasters. It is at least comforting to recall that Dulles has gambled for high stakes before-in Iran as well as in Ko-

rea-and that he has won.





Local veterans in charge of the annual Memorial Day observance are up to their bivouacs in a problem. May 30 this year falls on a Sunday. And Jim Callaway, president nof the Federation of Patriotic Societies, is

wondering whether to hold the traditional Memorial program on Saturday, Sunday or Monday of that May 30 weekend. So far in this century May 30 has happened on a Sunday on six years-1909, 1915, 1926, 1937, 1943 and 1954. . .

In 1909 the GAR memorial services were held on Sunday, May 30 with a Memorial Day program of speaking, parading, a basket dinner at Marion Square, etc. following on Monday.

. . . Ditto for 1915 when all schools, banks, state, city and county offices were closed on Monday. . . In 1926 the entire program was observed on Monday, May 31. . . But in those years Memorial Day was a community-wide affair and even the schools had their day (usually the Friday preceding Memorial Day). . .

Marion Hotel is installing a laundry for its own usein the basement on the Ferry street side near the alley. . . Workmen installing the equipment uncovered a network of pipes, drains and connections beneath the concrete floor. . . Everybody was mystified until oldtimers recalled that early in the century, when the Marion was still the Willamette Hotel the hotel laundry was housed in that very same spot -and later removed. . . History repeats, etc. . .

After checking around the state not long ago on its air marker program the State Board of Aeronautics found there were some 26 air markers (on rooftops, buildings etc.) which had arrows pointing toward airports which are no longer there or are unusable. . . Now, those markers are being changed and corrected. . .

At Salem Hi's career day program more students turned out for the radio-TV lecture than for any other occupation group. . . Is this a trend of the time or do all these kids want to get on the I Live Loosely show? . . . And if students pick up adult problems do adults vice-versa with student troubles? . . . Well, Mrs. Ted Jenny of Keizer, publicity chairman of the Marion County PTA council, took on a childhood ailment-she's got the mumps. . . State police were advised the other night to be on the lookout for Horace Greeley Righthouse, wanted on a charge of desertion of family. . . Oh yes, the police log lists the West patrol to be on the lookout for this Horace Greeley. . .

RICHMOND, Calif. (P)-Wheel be lubricated with one product. bearings, water pumps, spring The new multi-purpose grease shackles and other greasing was developed here.

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Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

April 10, 1944

The Salem School Board approved a proposed boundary tween the Swegle and Salem school districts.

Former Hollywood makeup artist and three Texas surgeons plied their art with delicate skill at the navy's west coast plastic surgery center. They reported they were eleminating the elements of despair and permanency from battle wounds.

Mrs. Lewis Griffith was elected president of the Beta Chi Mothers Club at a luncheon meetwas the retiring president.

25 Years Ago

April 10, 1929

Former Vice President Charles G. Dawes was selected by President Hoover as ambassador to Great Britain. Dawes took the place of Alanson B. Houghton.

Ernest Iufer, well known landscape gardener of Salem, has taken over the Bateham Floral Gardens on the Wallace Road. Iufer is a graduate of the Arts and Trades School, Berne, Swit-

Approximately \$6000 will be spent on the new courthouse elevator, according to Judge Siegmund, who negotiated with a Portland elevator firm.

40 Years Ago April 10, 1914

Mrs. T. Moncure Perkins, one of the famous Langhorne beauties, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, wife of the artist.

Sam H. Brown of Gervais, who aspires to the Republican.nomination for the legislature, was in Salem and said his political fences were standing up in good shape. (He won and was in the state legislature for many years.)

After a 24-hour trip by stage, Dean Frederick S. Mendenhall and Glen McCaddam arrived in the city from Coos Bay, where the Willamette University Glee club had been singing.

Literary Guidepost By W. G. ROGERS

1. What is wrong with this Ruthell sentence? "I will take whomever wishes to go."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "premier"? 3. Which one of these words

dinere, jodphurs, julienne. 4. What does the word "passively" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with a te that means "holding

is misspelled? Jeopardize, jar-

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I shall take whoever wishes to go." 2. Pronounce in three syllables as pre-mi-er, first e as in me; accent first syllable. 3. Jardiniere. 4. Not actively; inertly; unresistingly. 'The true student studies actively, and not passively." 5

Reports Hint **Dulles to Fail** 'United Action' Valve

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. Associated Press News Analsyt

Reports from Europe make it appear that John Foster Dulles is not going to get any action on a united front in Indochina until after the Geneva conference, but observers have now learned not to start selling the secretary short too soon.

The British still stop to wonder every now and then just how he got them to agree to a peace treaty with Japan which they are unhappy about. He staged quite a coup at the recent Caracas Inter-American Conference by getting through the U.S. anti-Communist program without a corresponding quid pro quo on economics.

In these matters Dulles operates from a position of considerable

He is a firm advocate of the theory that the only worthwhile international relations are those based on free partnership, not co-

Nevertheless, he doesn't have to mention that he has behind him a great force in the sensitive attitude of Congress on foreign aid. He did mention it, forcefully but unsuccessfully, last year when he was trying to get France down to business on the European Defense Community.

But just as France has delayed action on that subject until after Geneva, so she and Britain propose to do nothing now about Indochina which might produce any new strain in relations with the Soviet bloc before Geneva.

Nobody really expects to get anything out of Geneva except perhaps a Communist proposal for a top level conference of national leaders which, like the Geneva meeting itself, would be set as far in the future as possible and so produce continued uncertainty in France about EDC and other matters. Nevertheless, nobody wants to risk the onus of scuttling Geneva before it starts. This is most important to the French government because of internal politics.

It is customary in the United States to accese the Paris government of dragging its feet on EDC when its course may only be due to prudence. It is quite likely that THIEF LINES POPCORN would have been beaten once change affecting borders be. and for all if voted upon during a when parliament members

Geneva would be joined with the active opponents of the whole

The same feeling applies to any move in connection with Indochina would also put the allies in a much which might be interpreted by the stronger bargaining position at Ge-Reds as an ultimatum. In this, neva. But the French and British Britain seems to be just as firm don't look at it that way, and if as France. The American view, on the other indeed be a rabbit out-of-the-hat

hand, is that Indochina is not going to be yielded to the Communing of the group. Mrs. B. H. ists as China was; that the war White was named vice president, is progressing rapidly toward the Mrs. Homer Egan secretary point where American intervention treasurer. Mrs. Solon Shinkle might be required, and that one way of avoiding this may be to convince Red China that if she goes too far she will face a united allied front just as she did in Korea. On the surface, it seems that

presentation of such a front now

The Safety

Various musical works have been written to celebrate special occasions, but "The Palms", by Jean Faure, is one which is truly representative of the day that it commemorates - Palm Sunday. On this day we memorialize Christ's last entry into Jerusalem before His Passion when palm branches were strewn in His path by the multitude.

There is an exalted quality about this composition that inspires listeners - and the words, as evidenced by the following verse, tell a wondrous story: "Gently He speaks, the people

hear His voice. Freedom returns though from the earth long banished,

All in a brotherhood again rejoice.

Light has returned, and dreary darkness vanished." Those are meaningful lines, especially at a time when the world is seeking ways to curb all agres-

sors and to establish a way of

life that shall prevent another I will always remember how beautifully the beloved organist in our church at home played The Palms". Her rendition was unforgettable for its poetry, for the tonal qualities which wove a magic spell and for the gradual building up of the resonant melody to a vibrant climax. Reflected in her playing was a consummate understanding of all composers - the great and

the near great - composers

whose music enthralls, or just

brings solace, to worshipers from

tiny chapel to vaulted, age-encrusted cathedrals. The deep significance of the Lenten season comes to full reality in the final week before Easter. Beginning with Palm Sunday there is a re-affirmation of spiritual faith and a rededication to the principles of Christ-

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MISSOULA, Mont. (AP)-A Missoula popcorn factory operator, who want to see what comes out of George Henke, told police someone stole a five pound bag of popped corn from his factory. The bag was about two feet in diameter and four feet high.

Dulles succeeds this time it will

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