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The Kaiser Success Story

That the United States is still Horatio Alger-land is proven by the story of the Henry J. Kaiser industries which has been put in pamphlet form on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Henry J. Kaiser Company. From a start as a highway contractor in Vancouver, B. C. Henry Kaiser went on to build a variety of industries and contracting firms whose assets are now listed at \$925,000,000 and whose annual sales touch a billion dollars.

Oregon knows the Kaiser name primarily because of its connection with shipbuilding during World War II, but its Consolidated Builders held the principal contracts for nearby Detroit dam. Most profitable of the Kaiser enterprises now are its aluminum, cement and steel industries. His chief headache is in automobile manufacture. The main ingredient of the Kaiser success story is his unbounded faith in himself and in the U.S.A.

No Sour Note Here

"Barber Shop" singing got an official boost this week when Acting Mayor Robert White gave a proclamation designating the week as "Salem Barber Shop Sing Week" and suggested attendance of local citizens at the "Parade of Barber Shop Harmony" which is scheduled for Friday night, April 23rd at the Salem high school auditorium. The "Sing" is sponsored by the Salem Rotary Club as a benefit for the Salem Y.W.C.A. The funds will go toward furnishing its new building.

The acting mayor sets down as one "Whereas" that "any of our citizenry who have yet to see and hear a barber shop sing show should not be deprived of the wholesome satisfaction and downright listening enjoyment accruing from attendance thereat."—which is his way of assuring the public of a darn good show, plus help for a very worthy cause.

This is Salem's first venture into the arms of the "Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America." It will be a novel experience to see and hear these groups whose indulgence in "close harmony" has become a current fad.

Housing Scandal

What seems strange is that it took so long for the government to catch up with the leakage of its housing loans. Years ago it was noised about that the government was over-loading on some of its apartment house deals, that the promoters would pretty well get all their money out and perhaps take a contractor's profit in addition. Whether the property can carry the government loan depends on the percentage of occupancy and the level of rent. But if the government does come out whole eventually it will be at the expense of tenants who have paid rentals higher than was justified. Admittedly there was a great rush to provide housing, and a great rush to make profits in the process; but why the government didn't adopt tighter methods in its lending policies isn't clear. The clean-up now in progress is years too late, though better late than never.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Nobody is called a liar, a Red, a perjurer... nobody is accused of treachery, treason or blackmail... You call this a political speech, Finckley???"

Inside TV . . .

No 'Suspense,' But Plenty of Beauties

By EVE STARR

HOLLYWOOD—We hope "Suspense" (CBS) didn't throw you, too, into a welter of confusion last week. We know a couple of families that switched it on a shade late and sat there wretched in puzzled frowns trying to figure what sort of plot would evolve from a bunch of motor cars and assorted film beauties—until they realized the Easter Parade of Stars had taken over the spot for that half hour, with beautiful Irene Dunne as mistress of ceremonies.

The show might have been watched with bated breaths in some male quarters, from the looks of the gals gracing the Waldorf auto show but there was no suspense involved. Beauty was abundant, both animal and mineral. Cars and lovely ladies, to you sleepyheads.

Ten of the country's zingiest autos were displayed, with a beautiful dame arrayed with every one. We won't name them all because there isn't space. We can't name a few, because the others might be miffed. But we must mention that Eva Gabor was on hand. How those Gaboros do get around. One of them is always in the act. We looked for sister Zsa Zsa, too, but couldn't spot a patch even on a motor car's tire.

The spectacle was staged, of course, to promote further interest in automobiles. Naturally, there was hardly need to promote further interest in the human models. That runs as high automatically as most of the gadgets we witnessed.

Funny thing about all this—Mother Nature puts out pretty much the same model of feminine pulchritude year in and out, and the males go for it faster than a souped-up midget. But they want the sleek, trim lines of their cars changed each year or they'd fade right out of the market.

They'll go for the ones we saw in the Waldorf. We would, too, but we can't afford it.

TV spotlight: The small fry of America who enjoy cowboy and Indian themes of the popular Western serials such as Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Wild Bill Hickock and others along the same theme, will be delighted to hear about the new telefilm series due on the networks this fall.

Those who are old enough to read, or who have enjoyed Alice in Wonderland read to them, and the young and youthful who adore circus clowns should be fascinated by this series "Bozo the Clown" portrayed by the wonderful mimic Gil Lamb and seven-year-old Jerilyn James were busy making the pilot film for this story idea.

We arrived just as Bozo and Jerilyn take shrinking pills, then they are able to speak with birds and animals and perhaps even a "Mad Hatter" or two. Should delight the youngsters and certainly is a different idea.

A popular Las Vegas hotel has telegraphed Mae West to "Come up and see me sometime" and she's a comin'. Folks will be seeing Mae in June . . . Your sweet Margie from "My Little Margie" will be making things hum when she sings at the Thunderbird (Las Vegas) for three weeks August 12 . . .

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Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

April 22, 1944

Marion county's 1944 Red Cross war fund as nearing the \$100,000 mark as contributions from last month's campaign continue to come in. Every Salem division went over the top.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., tough tank specialist, arrived in Britain to take a place among Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's chief lieutenants for the invasion of western Europe.

Screen star Claudette Colbert, whose husband, Lt. Com. Joel J. Pressman, is stationed at the Tillamook Air Station, is staying at a hotel in Salem this week.

25 Years Ago

April 22, 1929

Hollis Huntington was elected athletic coach of the Senior High School and Eugene L. (Luke) Gill, assistant the past two years was promoted to be head of the physical education department.

Frank Bligh purchased the lease and the furnishings of the New Hotel Salem on High Street between State and Ferry Streets. Charles C. Cooley was named manager.

Vancouver five-man bowling team tried unsuccessfully to knock O'Leary's Legionnaires of Salem out of first place in class "A" championships of the Northwest Bowling Congress being held at Vancouver, B. C.

40 Years Ago

April 22, 1914

Miss Mary Pigler was chosen May Queen at the election held at Willamette University. Miss Laura Heist and Miss Ave McMahon, the other two candidates, will act as ladies in waiting.

In spite of the fact that women now are eligible to vote, registration in Oregon has reached only 180,000—about 20,000 in excess of registration for 1912.

Plans for the Canadian Building at the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915 has been approved with work to start soon. The Canadian Palace will cost \$400,000.

LICENSED TO WED
NEW YORK—Actor Peter Lawford and Patricia Kennedy, daughter of the former ambassador to Britain, Wednesday took out a marriage license.

SHOOTING IN ISRAEL
JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector—An Israeli Army spokesman said Tuesday an Egyptian post opened fire on an Israeli border patrol but there was no casualties.

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CANDIDATES AND ADS

To The Editor:

Since it is only a short time now until we will be going to the polls to nominate for the various offices, we can now expect any day to find our mail boxes full of different kinds of commercial advertising from candidates who sell electrical appliances, lead pencils, and various other articles.

Of course, to show you they are good fellows they may throw in a map of the City of Salem. But they will never, never mention they are candidates for office. For if they did, they would have to turn in those few thousand dollars as campaign expenses and still worse it would not be deductible in their tax returns. This is getting to be an old gag that I believe the voters are wise to.

It is my opinion that generally speaking we have enough high-type candidates seeking office this year that the voters can well choose and leave the incompetent at the starting gate. But please Mr. Candidate, if you must send out maps, send one of the Salem Grid System.

John Ramage,
Woodburn.

Widening 12th Street

To The Editor:

It looks like some of the boys at the council meeting came forth with an appeasement policy for the women league, and placed on the ballot the bond issue, to widen 12th St. as far south as Oak St., and curb in the railroad at a cost of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers. Just because a few persons persist on driving down the railroad track, which will not help the ones that have to cross it daily.

But why the bond issue al-

ways for 12th St.? All other streets get widened, 13th St. from State St. to Ferry St. is now being widened. Next comes Ferry St. Just where and how does all of the \$280,000 plus a two mill tax of about \$70,000, a total of \$350,000, go?

Yet South 12th St. to Hoyt St. carries over 11,000 cars per day by state traffic count, and the school buses with all the kids, without anyone worrying about them.

We were told it would be widened in the long range program not later than 1954.

It is time for a change, don't you think?
J. K. Clayd
963 S. 12th St.
Salem, Ore.

Nixon Says Strong Position on Asia Key to Peace

DES MOINES—America will not keep its boys out of Indochina by telling the Communists they can come in there, Vice President Nixon declared Wednesday night. The Eisenhower administration, he said, believes a position of strength in Asia and Indochina is the only way to avoid war.

"The purpose of our policy," the vice president added in an address before a state Republican Party gathering, "is to avoid sending our boys to Indochina or anywhere else to fight."

"We believe a strong policy has the best chance to accomplish that purpose." Earlier, Nixon told newsmen he thought the war in Indochina can be won by French and Indochinese troops with "the aid the United States has given and is giving."

McCarthy Mixes With Hensel

Joe McCarthy may have tangled with the wrong man when he picked out Assistant Secretary of Defense, Struve Hensel, as the "guilty" prime mover of the Army row with Cohn and Schine and Joe. For this transplanted Wall Street lawyer threw "lies" right back in McCarthy's teeth and dared him to come out from behind the brush of senatorial immunity. As for this challenge Joe conveniently found the excuse of too much delay. Apparently there would be no delay on Hensel's part in seeking punitive action via the courts for McCarthy's charges.

McCarthy seems to be hunting around for an escape hatch. He thought he had one in accusing Hensel of profiting from government contracts while serving as a Navy official. Hensel promptly nailed the charges as a pack of lies, and minced no words in saying that McCarthy has "reached the high mark of scandalous malice and the low mark of cowardly irresponsibility." Hensel denies that there was anything illegal or dishonest in his financial or government history. In brief, Hensel is not going to be the seagoat for Joe or the Army, and McCarthy better well know it.

The Army-McCarthy hearing starts today. It will be televised. The senator will be allowed to cross-examine witnesses, as will the Army counsel. Each side will get a chance to throw mud for awhile and then to scrape off as much mud from its own clothes as it can. It promises to be rather a sordid picture on both sides, showing Conn pressuring the Army for concessions to Schine and the Army bootlicking McCarthy and his stand-ins—up to a point.

After McCarthy and Stevens and Adams get through their round Struve Hensel will be waiting, eager to take on the Appleton boxer, whose wild swing caught Hensel on the jaw, but failed to floor him. That will be the round to wait for.

After prolonged controversy the location for a second crossing of San Francisco Bay has been decided on, at quite some distance up from the present Oakland bridge. Another bridge is under construction to link Richmond with San Rafael, thus completing the link for a "circle tour" of the Bay cities. Up here a considerable controversy has developed over the contemplated second crossing of the Columbia between Portland and Vancouver. Navigation interests are not satisfied with the plans offered by the highway authorities, claiming the structures would interfere with safe navigation. Differences will be reconciled, and before very long a parallel span will be under construction. Washington is relocating its Highway 99 approaches to the river to serve two bridges.

Most Important Reward From Dulles' Trip Abroad Said Commitment Made by Bidault

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles brought back with him, from his brief trip to London and Paris, several rewards for his indefatigable industry. But the most important of these was a very firm commitment from French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

Bidault assured Dulles that, at the forthcoming Geneva conference, he would not even discuss with the Russians or the Chinese the sort of face-saving, peace-at-any-price deal which many in France favor, and which could only ultimately mean the loss of Indochina to the Communists.

This assurance by Bidault apparently includes partition at the 16th parallel. There is plenty of sentiment in Paris for partition. The truce in Korea is cited as a precedent, and, it is argued, southern Indochina would continue to act as a dam against further Communist expansion.

The trouble is that the rich Red River delta area in the north, including Hanoi and Haiphong, is the real key to Indochina, both strategically and economically. In the view of those who should know, partition would be the beginning of the end. Thus Bidault's assurance to Dulles can be counted a real achievement. Bidault also ruled out other face-saving formulas for turning Indochina over to the Communists.

Does this mean that the Geneva meeting is strictly a formal exercise in mutual recrimination, from which no sort of agreement or settlement can be

expected? The answer appears to be, "probably but not necessarily."

Dulles is going to Geneva absolutely immovable on two points. He will not trade American recognition of Communist China, or American agreement to admit China into the United Nations, for an Indochinese settlement, no matter how apparently tempting. And he will not agree to a settlement which would or could lead to Communist victory in Indochina.

Aside from these two points, Dulles' position is described as "not inflexible." All sorts of ideas for a possible agreed settlement in Indochina were explored before Dulles left for the conference. For example, there was the notion of asking India's Premier Nehru to accept the mission of establishing, after a cease fire, the "truly independent" Indochina he has so often demanded. The only proviso would be that the Indochinese government be independent of China as well as France.

This notion is no doubt impractical. But at any rate, Dulles is represented as being anxious to explore every avenue except those leading to appeasement or surrender; and as believing also that the Communist side may genuinely want a settlement, and be willing to pay a price for it.

There have been various hints to this effect, the most recent being the Moscow radio's echo of Communist leader Ho Chi Minh's call for a cease fire. Publicly the Laniel government has laid down terms for a cease fire which amount to unconditional surrender by Ho. Privately, the French would consider a serious cease fire offer, provided that Gen. Henri Navarre agreed that its terms did not endanger his troops; and provided above all that there was some real reason for believing that the truce might be a prelude to a real settlement.

The cease fire itself could not be a de facto settlement, as in Korea, since there is no front

line in Indochina. There would have to be some sort of agreement, tacit or otherwise. Part of this agreement would certainly have to be a commitment, subject to enforcement, by the Chinese to cease supplying Ho. This commitment is thus undoubtedly part of the price which the Communists have to pay. And this, of course, is the catch.

Yet they may conceivably be willing to pay such a price. If the Geneva talks fail, after all, the Chinese must accept the likelihood that American forces will be committed to Indochina. This is unlikely to happen right away, to be sure. Even if the worst happened—if, for example, Dien Bien Phu fell and a neutralist government took over in Paris—there would still be time for maneuver, if only because the French could not possibly evacuate their forces except over a period of many months.

But the Chinese, and the Russians, too, must certainly be aware by this time that the commitment of American forces, at least naval and air forces, is likely in the long run if Geneva fails. The French have made it clear that they will not continue to carry the whole burden of fighting, and Dulles has made it equally clear that the United States will not permit Indochina to go down. American forces in Indochina would confront the Chinese, and in the end the Russians, too, with some terrible alternatives. Therefore the Russians and the Chinese may decide that it is in their interest not to let Geneva fail.

This, at least, is the official reasoning. It may be wrong, and in any case Geneva is liberally strewn with booby traps for Dulles, despite the assurance from Bidault. Yet on balance it seems clear that Dulles' bold decision—to let Peking and Moscow know that this country will fight rather than let Indochina go down the drain—has already greatly strengthened the posture of the West.

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no one can measure the amount of good it has done in the intervening years. It has served as a community center for innumerable clubs and organizations. Its pool has been used by swarms of kiddies and adults and hundreds of youths. Likewise its gyms have been in steady use. It has been in truth a "multi-purpose" building. But it is no longer adequate. Salem's population has grown steadily. The same increase which has forced construction of new schoolhouses now presses on the Y for added space for youth work.

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THE YMCA
(Present building, left; Proposed Building, right)

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