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Worthy 'First Citizen'

A. C. Haag's impact on Salem has been of such importance and stature for so many years that we would say he was a "natural" to become this city's First Citizen of 1954. The anonymous committee which chose him for the honor is to be congratulated.

"A. C." never sought the limelight. It wouldn't have been necessary even if he had wanted it. The limelight sought him. And yet few men ever have accomplished more good with less fanfare. The new "First Citizen" has been a keen and industrious worker in just about every worthwhile civic endeavor ever attempted in this area. His counsel and aid were constantly asked, and always forthcoming.

Salem and the surrounding area have been appreciative beneficiaries of Mr. Haag's efforts for a long while. We are glad that such appreciation eventually could be publicly acclaimed, and wish for him many more years of active participation in community affairs to which he has contributed so much.

Hawaii and Politics

Except for the Territory of Hawaii being a somewhat distant island group, there is nothing new in the difficulties it is having in becoming a state. Its remoteness and racial heterogeneity are prime factors, of course, as well as its strategic military value. And there is no way of determining accurately just how much practical politics is figuring in the delay in granting statehood. But the element of politics has played a big part in similar arguments in former years.

In the four decades immediately after the founding of the American Republic, the admission of states was predicated upon maintaining a neat balance between the North and South—free and slave. That policy was broken up when the South agreed to the prohibition of slavery north of the Missouri-Arkansas line. Then, in 1888 after Benjamin Harrison defeated Grover Cleveland for the Presidency, the two Dakotas, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Wyoming all were admitted within nine months, ostensibly to assure the perpetuation of Republicanism in power.

"In commenting that 'the admission of new States x x x has generally been governed by the exigencies of practical politics,' the New York Times says 'it is on that basis, no doubt, that the territories of Alaska and Hawaii will eventually become part of the 'indestructible Union of indestructible states.'"

Point of No Return?

Formosa may become, like Caesar's Rubicon river, a synonym for the irrevocable, decisive step. The president's request this week to U.S. armed forces in defense of Chiang Kai-shek's stronghold brought home to the American people how far, and how swiftly, almost unknowingly, we have come.

The decision was made not this week but months ago when Secretary Dulles signed the mutual defense pact with the Chinese Nationalists. At that time, Dulles said: "It is my hope that the signing of this defense treaty will put to rest once and for all rumors and reports that the U.S. will in any manner agree to the abandonment of Formosa and the Pescadores to Communist control."

The treaty and the accompanying statements of policy were a clear warning to the Chinese Reds. The keep-out line, then,

was drawn last year, not this week. But the warning was ignored; in fact, the Reds reacted with angry words and with continued build-up of aggressive forces aimed at Formosa.

Now the president has reiterated the warning. Evidently, Eisenhower chose the means of the statement to Congress both to draw national and worldwide attention to the U.S. position and also to bolster that position with the resultant overwhelming support of Congress.

Despite the president's repeated hope that the United Nations might negotiate a Formosan cease fire before the conflagration breaks out, the tone of Eisenhower's statements as well as subsequent comments from congressmen indicate that the "readiness to fight" policy means unilateral action by the U.S. Those who put their trust in diplomacy, and see the United Nations as the best present instrument for peace, apprehensively regret by-passing the UN in this crisis.

The let's-go-it-alone faith—including military leaders like MacArthur and congressional leaders like Knowland—feel that Eisenhower's statement vindicated the position they have held all along. Some seem not at all appalled by the prospects of an all-out, no-holds-barred war with Red China. In fact, they seem to welcome a showdown with an "eventually, why not now" attitude, and mention use of atomic and hydrogen weapons on the Chinese mainland quite matter-of-factly.

This newspaper has asked before, where will Chiang get troops after his thousands are engulfed by the mainland's millions? From the United States? That, too, is part of the calculated risk.

Another unknown factor is Russia's reaction. Russia and Red China have a mutual defense pact. It would seem reasonable to assume that Russia will supply Red China as in Korea. The Formosan situation has some aspects of a trap; goaded to fight in the Far East, the U.S. might get off-balance in Europe to the advantage of the Russians.

Is there any way this headlong slide on greased skids can be checked? Perhaps by: 1—A UN-negotiated cease-fire; 2—A UN decision to join Formosan defense on the grounds that the Nationalists are aggrieved UN members entitled to support by the free world; 3—Announcement by Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and others that they will back the U.S. with arms if needed; 4—Some new maneuver by the Communists to back down and save face at the same time.

If we were firemen we don't know of any alarm we'd rather answer than one prompted by smoke arising from fried chicken—that is, if we got there soon enough.

Editorial Comment

NON-SEGREGATED HOUSING

Two real estate developments pointing to the breakdown of racial segregation in one of its major strongholds—private housing—are reported near realization in the Bay Area.

In Marin City, private capital proposes to replace Federal wartime housing with low- and medium-priced homes for all races and nationalities.

Near Milpitas, the CIO Auto Workers' Union is co-operating with private businessmen to obtain capital for a residential subdivision that will offer homes for both white and Negro workers in the Ford plant.

The Milpitas project proposes to do more than take down the bars that discourage mixed residential developments; it proposes to keep them down. Recognizing the tendency of mixed neighborhoods to become all white, or all non-white, sponsors of the Milpitas plan contract in advance to prevent the project from becoming predominantly white or predominantly Negro.

Here, of course, is one of the many practical problems likely to bother pioneers in this field. Paradoxically, they may be compelled to practice segregation in order to assure non-segregation; they may at any time be forced to discourage sales to Negro home-seekers, for instance, if the occupancy threatens to become predominantly Negro.

If approached with sincerity, problems of this nature are susceptible to solution. The experiments at Marin City and at Milpitas are well worth undertaking and could well demonstrate the feasibility of non-segregation in housing. (San Francisco Chronicle).

Professional 'Informers' Do Irreparable Harm to Individual American Citizens

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — The youthful former Communist, former professional witness, and former aid to Sen. Joseph McCarthy, is currently writing a remarkable political confession which may cause major explosions. For the author of this confession, Harvey Matusow, calmly explains how he made a business of bearing false witness; and how the American government made his business a profitable one, courtesy of the American taxpayer.



Stewart Alsop

in which he was a chief government witness. No doubt there will be more such affidavits.

Legal lying by such professional ex-Communist informers as Matusow which has been tolerated by all three branches of the American government, has done irreparable harm to the whole American political process. Consider the following example of the political uses of the legal lie. Matusow was to testify before the McCarthy Committee at hearings in Salt Lake City—his testimony was of course privileged, or libel-proof.

"I had also made up my mind how I would place in the record a statement of the number of Communists working for the New York Times and Time Magazine. I had previously discussed this with Sen. McCarthy and had his approval. Once the 'facts' were in the record, McCarthy knew that he could accuse the Times and Time Magazine, Inc., of being pro-Communist."

Or consider this example, when McCarthy sent Matusow into Montana in 1952 to attack the Democratic Senatorial candidate, Mike Mansfield:

"As I talked I reached in my brief case, using the same gestures I had seen Sen. McCarthy so frequently use. 'Now I have here in my brief case documented proof . . . I pulled out a photostatic copy of an old copy of the Communist party publication 'New Masses.' The impression was that it contained a by-lined story by Mansfield; that he had written the story and had actively, knowingly supported the Communist party. But I knew that the story was merely a re-print of his remarks in the Congressional Record."

There is no space here to con-

vey the full, gamy flavor of Matusow's revelations. But the examples quoted suggest how incredible it is that Matusow should have continued to receive taxpayer's money for his services as an "expert witness."

It may be said, of course, that Matusow, having lied before, is lying now when he admits his lies. It may also be said that Matusow, having swung from communism to McCarthyism, has completed the circle—and the fact that his publishers have a decidedly left-wing coloration will be cited in support of this charge.

Certainly, on the record cited by Matusow himself, the one would be likely to claim for him exceptional trustworthiness or political wisdom. Yet he has documentation for much of his amazing story. And the story is also inherently credible, simply because Matusow himself is the chief object of his own accusations.

At any rate, Matusow's revelation simply cannot be ignored, either by Congress or by the Justice Department. In this sense, in writing his astonishing confession, Matusow may more than compensate for the harm he has done.

Obviously, some ex-Communist informers have performed a useful service. But in the years since the trial of Alger Hiss, the cult of the ex-Communist, as the undisputed arbiter of the loyalty of other citizens, has grown like a cancer. Matusow's confession is likely to initiate a serious investigation of this new post-war profession of the informer, and this could have good results for the political health of the United States.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"The kids are gonna have their dinner in front of the television set ... You want your dinner in here, dear?"

Comes the Dawn

About that possibility that the flax plant at the state prison may be discontinued. Doesn't working in the flax mill enable some inmates to learn a trade? Well, one prison official says, it doesn't make much difference anyway. "Flax plants are becoming so scarce here," he says, "former inmates would probably have to go to Belgium to follow their new trade" . . .



Among the anonymous or unidentifiable letters received by the city editor lately were several (1) advising Gov. Patterson to "cut waste" so "he wouldn't have to raise taxes" and, (2) raising Old Ned with TV columnist Eve Starr for suggesting that anyone might be willing to pay for special TV programs. What really sends us, though, is that nearly all these letters couldn't seem to make suggestions without going off the deep end. The one about the governor says waste cutting "would not be the popular thing in Salem—he might step on some friendly bureaucrat's toes who controls maybe 2 votes." . . . The one addressed to Eve Starr says, "... you talk like a person with a paper head." Seems like it becoming impossible these days for most anybody to criticize anything without being mean and small-minded about it . . . Besides, city editors cry easily . . .

The blow that killed father dept. . . Read in the paper the other day where Ken Maynard, a hard-jawed, solid-headed, steely-eyed, true-blue movie cowboy hero of the early 1930's, was arrested in Los Angeles with a skunk of cactus juice. Some of the fellows, who could remember when Old Ken played the sweetest music this side of Wild Horse Mesa on his sixshooters, say that he must have taken a look at some of his old movies on TV recently and gone and hung one on . . .

Now comes a cereal which gives away—not people or money—but real Gold Rush land in Alaska. Just send in a box top and you get, for free, a deed to a one-inch square of land. And if you can find a one-inch pick-and-shovel you're all set for gold mining. We don't know what the rate on Gold Rush land is, but figuring on 20,000,000 one-inch tracts in three acres it shouldn't cost much to make capitalistic land-holders out of 20,000,000 cereal-crunching kids . . .

And what's this about a bill prohibiting women wrestlers from rassing in Oregon? Does this mean the end of women shoppers who slug women clerks? And how about those no-holds-barred bridge parties where the girls who are present tear into small pieces girls who are absent? And those expensive head-locks women get on other women at beauty salons? Will this bill prohibit housewives from defending themselves against book salesmen? Will women in Oregon have to stop fighting the battle of the bulge—or can they go on eating and wrestling with their consciences . . .

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

Jan. 29, 1945

Nearly 4000 Allied warplanes pounded German installations, Berlin itself being rocked by the most concentrated assault ever made on the German capital. For the first time there was no German air opposition over the reich capital.

There was one traffic accident for every 13 motor vehicles registered in Oregon during 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., reported.

Housewives were scolded about their tin can effort. The state salvage committee reported sadly that Oregon had failed to ship a single carload of cans this month.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 29, 1920

The rebels in the style ranks, whose battle cry is "cancel corsets," were upheld in Lucien LeLong's summer display at Paris, when modern Dianas—sans a single stay—modeled slim waisted fashions.

A brilliant affair of the week was the tea given by Miss Marie Paton at the Court Street home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Paton, in compliment to Miss Eleanor Norblad, daughter of Gov. and Mrs. A. W. Norblad.

Eugene Courtney, chairman of State Banker-Farmer committee, secured a contract from Libby, McNeil and Libby for 500 tons of Dark Red Detroit beans.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 29, 1915

The British government accepted an offer by Australia to furnish another expeditionary force of 10,000 men, in addition to the reinforcement of 4,000 men provided monthly.

Two new teachers were added to the high school faculty for the second term—Miss Matilda Amberson, recently of Port Huron and Pontiac, Mich., and E. E. Horning, formerly of Corvallis.

The Barnes Cash Store was entered early this week through a window in the door. Several articles of clothing were taken.

Morse Stays In Washington

EUGENE (UP) — Santa Clara Grange officers said Friday they had been notified that Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon would be unable to keep a speaking date Saturday night here.

Morse, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he would have to remain in Washington.

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By BARBARA BONIFACE and WILL BATESON

Saxons Find 'Pirate Treasure'

SOUTH SALEM HIGH

South Salem High School students found a surprise when they entered the auditorium for their weekly pre-game pep assembly this week. They found themselves in the middle of a treasure hunt.

Portraying the Marshfield Pirates were the song queens who were supposed to be looking for buried treasure. When they arrived at the place where the treasure was hidden, they found the Saxons had already reached it.

The drama class of South Salem high will present two one-act plays Feb. 3 and 4.

The first is a comedy entitled "Pink and Patches." It takes place in the mountains of the deep South and tells the story of a teen-age girl who desires to rise above her environment.

Characters in the play are Taisa Akulaw, Mike Rolow, Lillie McIntosh and Rosemary Gilbert.

The second play, also a comedy, is "The Wonder Lead" which depicts the love-life of a dancer, Columbine, who loves and is spurned by Harlequin. Also featured is a character called Pierrot, who loves Columbine and adds a humorous corner to the triangle.

The cast consists of Ron Delhut, Richard Aufranc, Dick Reese, Rosemary Gilbert and Taisa Akulaw.

The plays will be presented at 7:30 p. m. in the Little Theatre and students and adults are invited. Tickets are on sale at the door or students may purchase the tickets during school.

LESLIE JUNIOR HIGH
A total of 115 Leslie Junior High school students made the high honor roll for the second nine

weeks grading period, which makes it the highest number of students ever to achieve this honor.

Ninth grade students making high honors were Paul Allen, Judy Baker, Kenzie Ruth Carlson, Janet Chapel, Jimmy Davenport, Barbara French, Jean Haworth, Jim Heltzel, Barbara Henken, Sue Jackson, Barbara Kuedell, Wayne Bryan, Kenneth Catlett, Eric Dolge, Arthur Krueger, Louise Laws, Robert Miller, Martha Minto, Gary McInley, Pamela Morrison, Colleen Nelson, Geneva Nordyke, Eleanor Parker, Ann Petrie, Phyllis Reimann, Arlene Rybloom, Kathrin Schmidt, Robert Seeger, Eileen Sheppard, Donna Stone, Imogene Thomas, Gary Bixler, David Johnson, Betty Knepper.

Eighth grade students were John Allen, Anne Boudreau, Patricia Boyer, Bill Bush, Peggy Coe, Bob Cornelius, Ann Dallas Betty Dyke Carol Epperly, Judy Erickson, Joan Fast, Barbara Glott, Judith Grain, Karen Harris, Bobby Hartman, Tom Heltzel, Gordon Humphrey, Beverly Killam, Verda Magness, Eugenia Margosian, Julia Marshall, Darla McElroy, Kathy Miller, Kristy Miller, Nancy Miller Judy Mohr, Sylvania Momyer, Gingham Powell, Lorena Randolph, Joanne Sanders, Phyllis Stringham, Dan Watts, Beverly Walker, Sharon Wendland, Ricky Wood and Pamela Wyatt.

Seventh graders were Linda Berry, Gordon Birrell, Mary Ann Cave, Eddie Davis, Edwin Fitzgerald, Michael Fritz, Jacqueline Graber, Jayanne Harvey, Eileen Hawkins, Ann Haworth, Elaine Hurst, Susan Heringer, Dexter Hobbs, Joan Hueneke, Charles Hudkins, Jerilyn Hughes, Janice Jacobson, Carolyn Johnson, Virginia Judd, Laura Kandrick, Patricia Laws, Mary Martin, Roberta Metzger, Jean Minto, Jim Minty, Rosemary Meyers, Joan Oslund, Penny Powell, Carol Ratzlaf, Jane Roberts, Marilyn Salter, Deanna Schendel, Merry Schram, Rebecca Singer, Larry Stein, Clayton Steinke, Eddy Swearingen, Karen Van Kuelen, Sherrill White, Sandra Wiscason, Jeff Wittman and Michelle Wyatt.

Taking the place of Sue Jackson as editor of the Leslie Broadcaster for the spring term is ninth grader Judy Baker.

Judy has been on the Broadcaster staff since the seventh grade.

NORTH SALEM HIGH
A number of students at North Salem High are preparing pieces for the eighth annual Scholastic Art Exhibit to be held in Portland next month. The contest is open to any junior high or high school student in the state.

There will be a number of prizes given, the highest of which is a gold key. The deadline for contestants is Feb. 12. North Salem High students have prepared 60 pieces to enter.

The contest includes photography, cartoons, weaving, leather work, sculpture, metal work and other categories.

Civics Club has been putting on a series of noon dances in the gym this week in an endeavor to provide noon time entertainment for the students. The dances, known as "The Big Toe Bounce,"

Dedijer lived long enough in America to imbibe the spirit of independence of thought. At the same time, he is a Yugoslav and a Communist and has been intensely loyal to Tito. Presumably, he will sit out his sentence without resistance; but whether he can again obtain standing in this one-party state is doubtful. Djilas seemed to point toward building an opposition party, and this may have been a prime cause of the crackdown.

For what it is worth, however, one may note with satisfaction that Yugoslavia's purge of its "old Bolsheviks" was not the bloody orgy of Stalin's in the 1930s.

Now our railway mediation hearing is to take another recess, adjourning today to resume on Feb. 14. This will give me a welcome respite and a return to work at home.

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Freed Nazi Field Marshal Defies Threats

BONN, Germany (U) — Hitler's favorite field marshal, Ferdinand Schörner, came home Friday night from Soviet imprisonment and coolly defied threats by West German leaders to prosecute him as a "mass murderer" of his own troops.

A storm of public indignation, fanned alike by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government and opposition Socialists, swept this country as Schörner arrived in his native Bavaria.

The 62-year-old soldier, who won the Nazi Party's "Blood Badge" in the 1923 beer hall putsch and Germany's highest decorations for valor in two world wars, said:

"I am ready to answer any time to a German court. The present accusations against me of Draconian punishment of my men in the last days of fighting in 1945 would never suffice for my prosecution. I was never tried by the Allies at Nuernberg because I never committed a crime."

Schörner fell into the hands of American troops as his command in Czechoslovakia fought on after the German surrender. The Americans turned him over to the Russians. The Russians released him last Christmas and he reached East Germany early this month.

His delay in crossing the Iron Curtain contributed to speculation that he might take a commission in the East German armed forces. But he said Friday he has never turned Communist and such a job "is out of the question for me."

have not attracted as many students as was hoped, club officers said.

PARRISH JUNIOR HIGH
Gary Vestal will lead the Parrish Junior High student body for the rest of the year. President Gary and the rest of the officers were elected by popular vote in general elections Friday.

Returns show the Liberators was the favored party, filling 10 of the 14 offices.

Officers include, vice president, Jim Seely; secretary, Joy Brown; treasurer, Carol Scott; sergeant-at-arms, Jerry Gilman; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Terry Meisinger; eighth grade representative, Suzette Taylor; seventh grade representative, Rebecca Barnes.

For Boy's League president the students elected Bob Reeves. Vice president is Homer Wood; secretary, Sam Speerstra. The Girl's League elected Diana Boyd, president; Faye Futrell, vice president; and Martha Rheam, secretary.

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