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## Retreat for Moscow Planners

The super-planners at the top in Russia have had to retreat in the direction of free enterprise. Much as they may worship at the shrine of central planning and socialized agriculture grim necessity has forced them to order a new reorganization of Soviet agriculture. The one doing it is Nikita Krushchev who is responsible for considerable of the previous juggling with farming.

Under the new order planning will be decentralized. Farmers will be given more freedom in planning, and they are promised a greater share in increased output for their own consumption or for sale. In brief doctrinaire Marxism is yielding to the incentive of private profit.

The reason for the change of policy is that serious food shortages exist in the USSR. The new decree admits there have been "serious shortcomings and mistakes," which have resulted in failure to produce enough foodstuffs for the increasing population of Russia. The cure is the ancient one of appealing to the motive of personal reward (profit) for greater effort.

The USSR is still a long ways from the U. S. position of occasionally paying farmers not to produce grains and hogs. But our people are a lot better off with the built-in subsidy left over from New Deal days than are the Russians whose bureaucrats have planned the people into varying degrees of hunger.

## Another Give-Away?

The Oregon Journal sums up the Asian situation thus:

But one thing is certain. We can't continue forever giving away pieces of Asia to the Communists, even if once more we have to stand and fight. If we do, before long all Asia will disappear behind the Iron Curtain and the free world then will face a war of annihilation.

How can we "give away" stuff that was never "ours?"

Timberline lodge is one of the indispensable attractions of Oregon. The trouble is that its operators "go for broke." A lot of money has gone down the drain keeping it going; and yet it is quite necessary for public recreation and tourist guesthouse. We hope someone steps forward to get it running again, though we are not volunteering.

Chiang Kai-shek keeps reiterating his determination to invade and recapture the mainland of China; and Premier Chou En-lai of Red China reiterates his purpose to attack and capture Formosa. Now if the two confine their action to threats, war in Asia may be avoided.

Sewell Avery must feel beleaguered now, with Louis Wolfson trying to get in the front door of Montgomery Ward's and Dave Beck via the Teamsters' Union the back door. But then Avery was never one to run from a battle.

The Statesman notes with regret the passing of one of the veterans in the country newspaper business: Joe Lytle who published the Scio Tribune for some 15 years, and served also as correspondent for The Statesman. He died at Albany at the age of 84.

## Recent 'Break-Throughs' in Guided Missile Development Termed 'Fabulous' by Expert

By STEWART ALSOP  
WASHINGTON—Within the last year there have been vitally important technological break-throughs in the art of the long-range missile. These break-throughs have made possible a sudden spurt of progress in the missile art—progress described as "fabulous" by one authority not given to exaggeration.

As a result, there are now serious plans for launching an artificial earth satellite, if possible in two years. But the break-throughs have also brought nearer the time of the true push-button war—the time when one continent can inflict a murderous hail of nuclear destruction on another.

Clearly, the whole national future is bound up in our progress in the missile art. This report and another to follow will therefore be devoted to the basic facts about our long-range missile program. What follows has, incidentally, been examined by competent authority to make sure that it contains nothing useful to Soviet intelligence.

The long-range missiles fall conveniently into three categories—the jet-powered pilotless aircraft, the ram jet and the inter-continental ballistic missile, respectively known as SNARK, NAVAHO, and ATLAS.

With SNARK we have put at least a big toe over the threshold of the age of the push-button war. SNARK has intercontinental range—5,000 miles. And SNARK exists. The "bird"—to use the word of art of the missile men—has flown. The trouble is that it is not really a very useful war bird, although it is an impressive technical achievement.

## Medal for Mrs. Gall of Lebanon

Hats off to Mrs. E. A. Gall of Lebanon who defies her enemies seeking to suppress her fight against chiselers on welfare rolls. She says she will persist in her campaign even after receiving threats of bodily harm herself and after her husband was seriously injured by some assailant who was seeking Mrs. Gall.

The special objects of Mrs. Gall's wrath are those rascals who refuse to support their children and still have the nerve to claim them as dependents for income tax deductions.

There are altogether too few such good citizens with such a sense of civic duty. Plenty of people will gripe and complain in general terms about graft and welfare chiselers; but they never are willing to expose themselves by lodging specific complaints with the proper authorities. Mrs. Gall was one who carried on her fight in the open. Evidently she was hitting the bulls-eye with her criticisms. The least that government officials can do is to pursue Mr. Gall's attacker and bring him to justice, and weed out the grafters who shamelessly mooch on public bounty. For Mrs. Gall a citizenship medal is in order.

## Labor Party Split

The running feud between Labor Party Leader Clem Attlee and rebel Aneurin Bevan tempts the strategists of the Conservative Party to plug for an early general election. They would make capital of the old rule, "divide and conquer," with the division already set up in the opposition.

Bevan organ, The Tribune, edited by his wife, Jeannie Lee, M. P., in a recent issue attacked the "vacillating leadership" of Attlee's and appealed for support against efforts to expel him from the party. Bevan opposes plans for rearming Germany in the Western alliance and is hot for more socialism in Britain.

Conservatives must decide whether to call for a general election this spring or wait until fall or until 1956. Chances are the Laborites, like Democrats in the USA (and Republicans) will effect some coalescence to fight their common foe. However, friends of the Conservatives are inclined to say, "sic 'em, Nye."

## Sen. Harry Byrd has introduced a joint resolution calling for an amendment of the constitution which would permit the President to veto single items in appropriation bills. This is highly desirable. It would enable the executive to knock out items that wouldn't stand on their own feet. Our governor has this power now on state appropriation measures. In 1933 Governor Meier attempted a reduction veto of an appropriation for higher education. His action was never tested because afterwards the whole appropriation was held up by referendum so the question became moot. It is doubtful if a governor has power to scale down an appropriation, but his authority to veto single items makes it possible to stop specific objectionable appropriations. The President should have similar authority.

After hearing a discourse on art in a Senate committee hearing Lowell Steen of Umatilla county doodled to a colleague: "The weather and the topic made me think of getting back to the ranch." Used to be the call of the ranch would speed up adjournment of the Legislature. Now there is so much business the farmers can't break for home when the sun starts warming things up. It's a good many years since Clint Haight, representing Grant county, shouted that he wanted to go home, back to where he could hear the coyotes howl.

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## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... And while you're turning back the clock, dear, my watch says we're an hour late already...

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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of its knowledge of local conditions and after consideration of the nibbling which would eat it away. But it would be proper to announce that at stated intervals of five or ten years the classification system will be restudied. Within that interval wage adjustments should be made on uniform terms. No master plan will be perfect, but one which is fairly and conscientiously drawn up will be far superior to no plan at all. Within a department schedules are inevitable. What remains to be done is to draw the various schedules into a broad, practical master plan for the state. That task should be left with the civil service commission.

## Time Flies: From The Statesman Files

### 10 Years Ago March 12, 1945

The United States navy received a potent shot in its arm with the christening at Newport News, Va., of the 45,000-ton aircraft carrier Midway, the largest warship ever built.

Heavy snow from 4 to 10 feet deep forced a shutdown of nearly all Clackamas county logging camps. Practically all Linn county logging operations were paralyzed by the season's worst snow storm in the Cascades.

L. O. Arens, State Industrial Accident commissioner, was elected president of the Salem Toastmaster club. Douglas Mulrany was named vice-president, Fred McKinney, secretary-treasurer and Clay Pomeroy, sergeant-at-arms.

### 40 Years Ago March 12, 1915

The British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and the French battleship Bouvet were blown up by floating mines while engaged with the remainder of the allied fleet in attacking the forts in the narrows of the Dardanelles.

Frank Meredith, secretary of the Oregon State Fair board, was offered the secretaryship of the Washington State Fair Board. For the past five years Mr. Meredith was secretary of the Oregon board and was an authority along agriculture and stock lines.

In a speed contest in typewriting at a meeting of the Salem High school, Pearl Martin was winner and Queenie Alport and Grace Mollenkopf, second and third.

## Oakland Man Heads State Cattle Group

L. C. Perrin of Oakland was elected president of the Oregon State Aberdeen-Angus Association at its annual meeting and banquet held this week at Hotel Benton, Corvallis.

Other officers named were Donald E. Snable, Powell Hicks, vice president, and Loren Hicks, Turner, treasurer. The secretary is to be announced later. Six breeders were elected to the board of directors: Harold Rankin, Hermiston; Ben Hilton, Grants Pass; B. J. Kest, Unity; Archie Riekkola, Astoria; Kenneth Hall, Corvallis, and Alvin A. Cheyne, Klamath Falls.

## Vacation Due Adult Classes

Salem's more than 700 adult education students will observe spring vacation next week. Spring term opens March 21. New classes for spring term include advanced public speaking, basic psychology for housewives II, and photography for beginners. Additional information and spring term bulletin can be had upon request at the adult education office, 1309 Ferry St.

## House Votes Opposition to Tariff Drop

The Oregon House of Representatives completed legislative action Friday on a memorial asking Congress to defeat President Eisenhower's program to reduce tariffs.

The vote was 40 to 15. The Senate has passed it 20 to 10.

Of the 40 votes for the memorial, 38 were cast by Republicans. The only GOP members voting to support the president were speaker Ed Geary, Klamath Falls, and Elmer Deetz, Canby.

The memorial says that the tariff reduction proposal "would threaten the possible destruction or substantial curtailment of agricultural and other industries which are vital to the economy of the State of Oregon."

It adds that the legislature is "greatly concerned" about tariff reductions which already have been made on farm commodities.

The tariff cutting authority is now before the U. S. Senate, following House approval in Washington, D. C.

Cherry industry leaders have taken the lead among Willamette Valley agriculture interests in opposing the Congressional move.

Rep. George Annals, Hood River Democrat, said during the hour-long debate that Oregon's Cherry industry is being threatened by imports from Europe.

But Rep. Kay Meriwether, Portland Democrat, answered that America must lower its tariffs to help her allies.

Rep. Alfred H. Corbett, Portland Democrat, added that "this memorial is a great disservice to the country. We have to decide whether we'll go it alone with higher tariffs, or strengthen our allies."

## Measure to Ask Primary In Late June

Sen. Pat Lonergan (R) Portland, said Friday he is introducing a substitute for his bill to change the primary election date from May to August.

The substitute would have the primary on the fourth Tuesday in June.

Leaders of both major parties opposed the existing bill because it would abolish the presidential preference primary and the election of delegates to national party conventions.

But with the June primary, the people still could elect delegates and express their presidential preferences.

## Miss Gilles to Be Installed in National Post

Miss Mathilda Gilles, principal of Richmond School, will be formally installed as president-elect of the nation's elementary principals at a banquet to be held in Chicago next Friday night.

Miss Gilles was notified of her election to the post following a mail ballot taken in January. She will serve as president-elect for one year and will take over active presidency next year.

Miss Gilles will leave by plane today for Chicago and prior to her installation will attend an executive committee meeting of the Department of Elementary Principals of the National Education Association, set for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

## Test Finds Pheasants Disease Free

Chicken or turkey flocks visited by pheasants from the state game farm at Corvallis won't need to worry about pullorum or typhoid infection.

That's the word of Earl Reitsma, poultry and turkey improvement supervisor for the State Department of Agriculture. The department tested the 2,000 pheasants at the Corvallis game farm this week and didn't find a single reactor to either pullorum or typhoid.

This is the fifth year the department has made pullorum tests at the game farm, and each year no reactors were found. The typhoid testing was added this year.

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## House Group Defeats Korea Veteran Bonus

The Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Oregon Legislature recommended defeat Friday of a proposed constitutional amendment to pay a maximum \$600 bonus to veterans of the Korean War.

It was a voice vote, and only one or two votes for the bonus could be heard. If the House accepts the committee's recommendation, the bonus would be dead.

The measure, by Rep. Maurine Neuberger (D), Portland, would be referred to the people at the 1956 general election. It would give the Korean veterans the same bonus that was given to World War II veterans.

The committee's vote came after a 6-4 defeat of a motion to bury the resolution in committee.

Sen. John Merrifield (R), Portland, said he would "refuse to vote for this resolution unless the people say where the money will come from."

Sen. John Housell (R), Hood River, who also opposed the bonus for World War II veterans, said he opposed the Korean bonus because it might force an increase in property taxes.

The committee approved a House-passed bill to increase from 20 to 25 years the period in which veterans can pay off their state farm and home loans.

It tabled a bill to give the State Finance Department authority over the State Motor Vehicle Division, which now is under the Secretary of State.

There is another bill to transfer the Motor Vehicle Division to a separate administrator under the governor. This one probably will be approved by the Senate Highway Committee early next week.

The Ways and Means Committee approved a Senate-passed bill to broaden the public employees retirement law. It tabled a measure to permit advances of travel expenses to state employees.

The committee questioned the constitutionality of a bill which would pay \$740 in indemnities to four Willamette Valley farmers who had to kill sheep to prevent spread of disease. This bill went back to a subcommittee after some of the legislators suggested

## Measure Endorsed

The bill increasing real estate broker and salesman license fees was endorsed for passage. This is prompted by the State Real Estate Association which wanted more revenue under the state real estate licensing program to support an added inspector and educational work.

Ways and means committee decided to introduce a bill to do away with the State Flax and Linn Board. Subcommittees reported that the state's flax industry is now confined to operations at the flax plant, although several cooperative flax plants were going when the board was set up.

## Senate Okehs Natural Gas Service Bill

A bill looking forward to the time when Oregon will be served with natural gas was passed Friday by the Oregon Senate.

It provides that no gas line can be built into any city or suburbs until the gas line company gets a public utilities commissioner certificate after a public hearing. No certificate could be granted unless the PUC finds that a community isn't served, or unless it is served by a company that can't or won't provide sufficient gas service.

The purpose of the bill is to protect existing companies from competition in the retail markets. It now goes to the House for action.

The Senate voted 23-7 for a house bill that requires candidates to have their filings in state elections division by 5 p. m. on the last day of the filing period. The bill would bar mailed filings which are received after the filing period closes.

A bill clarifying and strengthening the state potato grade and brand law was approved by the House and sent to the Senate.

The House voted 30 to 28 to take another look at one of the three workmen's compensation bills passed Thursday. It increases benefits for temporary total disability.

The motion was made to recall the bill from the Senate after it was explained that an actuary for the State Industrial Accident Commission had provided incorrect figures as to the effect of the bill.

The House passed the Senate-approved measure to provide free textbooks for 7th and 8th grades whether in a grade or junior high school. A bill to require the same school district sick leave policy for non-teaching employes as for teachers was sent back to committee at the chairman's request.

## House to Act On Libel Bill

A bill to limit damages which might be decided by a court in cases of inadvertent libel will be up in the House for action Monday.

This bill was declared constitutional Friday by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, in an opinion which had been asked by Senate President Elmo Smith, who is a newspaper publisher at John Day.

The House judiciary committee has recommended that the bill be passed. It provides that when a newspaper or radio commits libel accidentally and makes a retraction, the damages which can be collected would be only the actual damages to the person libeled. In other words, general damages couldn't be assessed against the paper or radio station.

## Thornton Rules Airborne Liquor Unconstitutional

A bill to permit commercial airlines to serve liquor to their passengers was ruled unconstitutional by Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton Friday.

Thornton held that since the constitutional provision for liquor by the drink doesn't mention airlines, they can't serve liquor.

The bill has been passed by both houses, but the Senate recalled it from the Governor when doubts as to its constitutionality were raised.

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