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## **Neuberger Accuses the President**

Senator Wayne Morse in 1946 called President Truman a "ham actor," a remark he lived to regret. Now Oregon's freshman senator, Richard L. Neuberger, has branded a statement by President Eisenhower as an "utter falsehood." The President had said with reference to federal expenditures for public works such as power plants, that when the government does this it can print the money to do the job; and went onto point out the dangers from printing press money: "That has the effect of cheapening money, and I don't think we ought to go into that."

Neuberger's contention is that these power plants pay for themselves, hence his application of "utter falsehood" to the President's comments. It impresses us as quite juvenile, like Morse's "ham actor" outburst.

The President was correct in his diagnosis of the effects of-printing press money: it does lead to inflation. The blowing up of the national debt from around \$20 billion 25 years ago to near \$275 billion now has been followed by great inflation, or in other words, a cheapening of the dollar. To the extent that the government printed more money to finance more public works inflation would be given fresh stimulus.

Now it is true that projects like Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams are paying off their power investment faster than was required in the 50-year payout schedule. But they haven't paid it out yet, and it will be years before they do. It may be argued that it is good business for the government to borrow money to build these self-liquidating projects, but that doesn't refute the thesis in the President's general comment on printing press money.

The new junior senator may disagree with the President's theory about deficit financing and debate its validity; but he does ill to himself and to his cause by accusing the President of issuing an "utter falsehood."

### Please, No "Alternatives"

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Among the various ideas sprung at the legislature over the tax business is one to submit to the people various alternatives and let them make the choice. That would be a poor way to legislate. The people might vote down all the proposals. That would of course leave the fateful alternative of putting all the deficiency, subject only to the six-mill levy limitation, on property. No, let the Legislature adopt the program it deems best, leaving the event to the hands of God or the demagogues. We are not sure whether it should anticipate a referendum by prescribing an "iffy" special election. There's a lot of bucking and balking because no one wants to carry more of the tax burden. But the people of Oregon know the load must be borne-they want no deficit which would merely postpone or increase the burden.

# **Hunt for Bob Errion**

A good many local people had some painful financial memories revived with reading how the authorities were hunting for E. R. (Bob) Errion, under a "body execution" writ on a judgement of \$123,000 on the ground of fraud. Errion has been missing for four months. Judge Lindberg of Seattle described Errion as a "fantastic person endowed with great facilities of persuasion, a magnetic personality and an irresistible charm." Many around here could testify to the truth of the judge's description.

Errion, with his then close associate, J. R. Barton, first broke on the local scene in the late 1930s promoting an oyster-growing cooperative for Coos Bay lands. They induced many farmers to join and put up money; but the enterprise blew up with a bang when members accused Errion and Barton of bilking them. Errion persisted in oyster bed promotion and was indicted for using mails to defraud in this operation, but was acquitted in 1946.

More recently Errion, who had broken with Barton, was a prime promoter in Beaver Plywood cooperative which planned a mill at Independence. Then he claimed to hold a big body of choice timber, also special patents for machinery. This project died a-borning. Then Errion moved his talents to promoting a plywood and hardboard cooperative at Estacada, and a similar cooperative at Mount Shasta, California.

Widows seemed to fall victim to Errion's charm and plausibility. One in Seattle holds a judgement for \$88,000 against him on a Coos Bay oyster land deal, and two others are suing him in Seattle courts. Meantime neither Errion nor any assets in his name have been located.

The moral is obvious; but while the law may sometimes circumvent the designers of evil or pursue them after the event, the law can't lower the birthrate on suckers.

Confirmation of John Harlan as Supreme Court justice was long delayed, to the discredit of the senators who held up the nomination in committee. Only 11 voted against him when his name finally went before the Senate. Justice Harlan is recognized as an eminent lawyer, a man of high character, entirely worthy of the office to which he has been named. He comported himself with dignity through the period of silent treatment accorded him and in the hearing where senators sought to get him to commit himself on public issues, probably for purposes of entrapment. He has a great name to live up to, that of his grandfather who served on the same court long and ably; but the country should not expect-or want-just a carbon copy of his ancestor.

The four representatives from Marion County have joined to introduce HB 507 which would create two subdistricts in this county for election of two representatives each. One is composed of the City of Salem and 13 adjacent voting precincts; the other of the remainder of the county. The population of the county is divided about equally between the two. No senatorial subdistricts are proposed. The bill has been referred to the House committee on elections, and presumably a public hearing on it will be held. Then all who are specially interested may appear and express themselves. We think the delegation was wise in offering a subdistrict plan. This county voted for the amendment which makes such a division possible.

# **GRIN AND BEAR IT**



(Continued from page 1.)

\$58 a share on present stock,

or \$5.80 on the increased num-

ber of share outstanding. This,

it is figured, would permit a

dividend of \$3 a year, or five

per cent return on a price of

Total assets of Ford Motor

Co. are given at over two billion

dollars, and sales last year at

four billion; profits around

\$200 million. Profits in 1953

were \$175 million. The com-

pany has been financing its

postwar capital investment of

\$1.7 billion without recourse

owned industrial empires will

be opened for public ownership

to any public control. Ford has

been a magic name in the auto-

motive business and in the

world of modern industry. Hen-

ry Ford Sr. started his company

in 1903 with a capital of \$28,-

000. He had it in mind to build

a low-cost car for the mass

market, and surely succeeded.

Ford had a few early partners

but by 1919 had bought up their

interests for \$75 million. Once

after the first World War when

Ford was short of cash he

sought bank loans, but when the

bankers insisted on some

changes and some voice in

management he turned from

-though not, initially at least

Thus one of the last family-

to bonds or bank loans.

By Lichty Income Tax Collections **Down in 1955** 

Personal income and corporate excise tax collections for the first eight months of the current fis-

cal year aggregated \$30,908,355, as compared with \$33,792,318 for the similar period a year ago, the State Tax Commission announced

Friday. Of the total collections for the first eight months of the 1954-55 Artist Series fiscal year \$22,650,904 represented personal income tax and \$8,-257,450 corporate excise tax.

257,450 corporate excise tax. Personal income tax collections Erid Possible during the first eight months of the previous fiscal year amountexcise tax collections totaling \$9,742,257.

There were 108,843 taxable cil Wednesday. returns filed in the eight months period this fiscal year as against 108,844 returns during the previous fiscal year.

Accounts receivable as of February 28 agregated \$7,160,761 as compared with \$6,034,751 a year ago.

# 14 Seek Job As Director of State Bureau

Fourteen applicants, including four Salem residents, have applied ing will be the possibility of State Group

financial crisis, Ever afterwards said Friday.

of Ford stock forecasts no

cessful.

diction.

ler picked it up and made the

# **Application Deadline Near** For Veteran Tax Exemption

April 1 is the deadline for dis- the county assessor of the county abled war veterans and for widows where their property is located. of war veterans to apply for the Any supporting evidence required \$1,500 property tax exemption al-lowed by state law, the State Vet- be submitted before the deadline. erans Department announced Fri- The exemption is available to

day. Persons entitled must apply to

Distinguished

The "life or death" of the Dised to \$24,050,061 with corporate tinguished Artist Series will be other licensed physician in his

> university's student government, which reports the project during ment pay. the last two years has put it over

\$1,000 in debt.

will the Wednesday meeting. The university's student government now pays the amount of the cost of a concert not covered County Bar by the sale of tickets. The money is taken out of a student govern- Unit Host to Discussed at the Tuesday meet-

ment practices administrator, the student to help defray expenses. That way Ford got over his State Civil Service Commission Another topic will be subsidiza-

Today is the last day applica- townspeople.

**County Court** Edsel Ford died in 1943 he be-queathed a large block of Ford be taken by applicants. Each per-Petitioned for Henry Ford Sr., did the same according to experience, by the on his death in 1947. This commission and one of the top Road Repairs

Potential road improvements occupied Marion County Court members Friday as two requests for to the fortunes of one business. five years of experience in fields improvement under the Bancroft This prospective sale of Ford of employment, labor or industrial Act and one request to re-open a stock to the public brings to relations, plus a college major in road were received. More than 70 per cent of proppany. The Dodge Brothers con- Those without college educations cern had been very successful, must have at least nine years of but after death of some mem- expcrience in employment, labor petition that the street be imveyor A. D. Graham.

do so well under the changed management, so Walter Chrys- Non-Farming

the following persons: 1. Any war veteran with a 40 percent disability or more, as certified either by the Veterans

Administration of by a branch of the Armed Forces. 2. The unremarried widow of a war veteran.

3. Any honorably discharged veteran of the Mexican, Civil, Indian or Spanish-American Wars.

4. Any war veteran with 40 percent disabilities as certified by his county health officer and one decided at a meeting of the Wil. county or residence, provided he lamette University Student Coun- has not received more than \$2,500 total gross income during the past The series is financed by the calendar year including pensions, disability compensation or retire-

Korean war veterans having 40 percent disability or more are also A special meeting will be held entitled, as are the unremarried Tuesday to hear arguments for or widows of deceased Korean War against the series. Townspeople veterans. A Korean War veteran is are expected to state their views one who had more than 90 conat this meeting, which will be secutive days of active duty beheld at 4 p.m. at Eaton Hall, as will the Wednesday meeting 31, 1955.

Members of the Marion County tion of the series by interested Bar Association were hosts to the Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar Association and attorney-members of the legislature Friday night at a dinnerbusiness meeting at the Senator Hotel.

Members of the Association's board are O. D. Yokum, president, John Day; Thomas H. Tongue III, vice president, and John Halloway, secretary, both of Portland; Wendall Wyatt, Astoria: George A. Rhoten, Salem; W. H. Dashney, McMinnville; Martin P. Gallagher, Ontario; George H. Corey, Pendleton; Paul R. Harris, Portland; Samuel M. Bowe, Grants Pass; Edward erty owners on Scott avenue in A. Butler, Eugene; and Frank Labish Village have requested by J. Van Dyke, Medford.

proved, according to County Sur-Another property owner, who Area Police lives on S. 13th street, conferred with the court about possible im-provements in his area. He was Starts Here told the road could be improved under the Bancroft Act, but could On Monday

SEEMS TO ME take delivery and pay for them.

> he was quite allergic to banks and bankers.

up in 1936 to disburse charity recently vacated by the resignafunds of the Ford family. When tion of William Van Meter. Edsel Ford died in 1943 he be- No written examinations are to stock to the Foundation and son is evaluated on a point basis, Foundation is now the largest three names will be chosen by the of all such philanthropic trusts. state labor commissioner, Norman

hould not be so intimately tied Minimum qualifications call for mind the earlier sale in toto of labor relations, industrial psya family-owned automobile com- chology or related fields. bers of the family it was sold or industrial relations. to a Wall Street banking house Pay range is from \$394 to \$477 which distributed the shares to per month.

the public. The company didn't

tions may be filed. Only Oregon The Ford Foundation was set residents are eligible for the job,

Its trustees feel the Foundation O. Nilsen.

So, let's get on with the show, and let the chits fall where they may.

Senator Jackson of Washington urged his colleagues to quit offering their advice to President Eisenhower on how to conduct our affairs in the Formosa area. Might be good advice for senators, but what about editors?

This man Summerfield really is shaking up the post office department. He is even making a move to substitute ball point pens for the familiar scratchy steel pens that have been in use since goose quills went out of style. It has been said that you never found a poor pen in a bank or a good one in a post office. That may no longer be true: banks are providing ball points too.

reporting that Ligh American au-

thorities expected atomic war in

a matter of weeks. The authori-

ties in question were undoubted-

The American air leaders in

the Far East are no doubt some-

what prejudiced by the fact that

they have virtually nothing to

fight a war with, except atomic

weapons. Airmen everywhere

are also inclined to expect land-

based air to win a contest with

Yet however much you discount

still more closely in accord with

the facts than the admirals' view-

point. We simply have not got

the forces available in the Far

East to be even reasonably sure

of winning a fight for the off-

shore islands with conventional

weapons. The forces needed to

give us a reasonable margin

were sacrificed, long ago, to the

But if we enter the fight for

the offshore islands, we must

win at all costs. For if Amer-

ican forces are engaged and de-

feated, all Asia will regard the

defeat as a decisive proof of su-

perior Communist power. And

tastrophe throughout Asia.

budget and the tax structure.

these reasons.

ly located in the Air Force.

### them, shipped cars to dealers and put them on pressure to procession of the second se Time Flies

. . . . . . . FROM STATESMAN FILES

### **10 Years Ago**

#### March 19, 1945

E. C. Charlton, assistant chief of the police of Salem, received word he had been named to the board of governors of the International Association of Law Enforcement Officials. 

In Salem the past week was Capt. Ralph E. Wilson, of Admiral Halsey's staff. He was a guest of his mother, Mrs. Jessie J. Wilson, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neer.

McMinnville High School's Alberta Schmander, with a score of 94 per cent, twirled her baton to first place in the Salem Elks' seventh annual statewide drum majorette contest.

### 25 Years Ago

#### March 19, 1930

About 60 individual letters from various firms in Salem went to C. C. Coleman in Washington, D. C., urging the establishment of a "local" airplane mail service between Portland and Medford, including Salem.

A spelling survey was made in the county grade schools, with carrier aviation. The Air Force plans worked out by H. E. Tobie, viewpoint must be discounted for Stayton principal, Robert Goetz, Silverton principal, and Ralph Tavenner, secondary supervisor the Air Force viewpoint, it is in Salem schools.

> The State Corporation Department was the first branch of the state administration to open for business in its new location in the State Office Building. Mark Mc-Callister is the Corporation commissioner.

#### March 19, 1915

The German commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich loaded coal at Newport and is apparently preparing to make a dash to sea where British and French warships are waiting. Guards are patroling the piers.

Marion Hotel.

#### Dodge division an important component of Chrysler Corpora- Jobs Steady Dodge division an important tion. In this instance the sale

Oregon's non-farm employment change in management which in February held steady around under the younger Fords, Henry 436,700, which was 10,000 to 12-Ford II and his brother William 000 more than a year ago, the has proven aggressive and suc- Un employment Compensation

Commission said Friday So widely used is the Ford The totals were slightly under car and so famous the Ford those for two years ago. name that it is easy to predict The commission said the lum-

place, that the Ford stock will be ber industry employed 75,700 quickly subscribed when it is workers, biggest February on offered to the public-it doesn't record except for 1951. The intake a tipster to make that pre- dustry total was 8,000 more than a year ago.

imposes upoi. them. The plans

that I have seen for the creek

area on Summer call for a park

yet they propose to take about

one million dollars worth of

Property owners south of Cen-

ter Street did get good prices

but this had business possibili-

ties. North of Union Street is

strictly a residential district and

I wish to call to your attention

where the State took the con-

demnation proceedings to court

the jury allowed about 50 per

cent more than the State's best

offer. The owners of two large

homes on Summer north of Un-

ion that were sold in 1953 indi-

cated that they took about a 10

per cent loss because of the

The present Mall is not an as

set to Salem. Please take a good

look at the grass in the sunken

part of the Mall. There is no

drainage and the gardeners tell

me it is always too wet to cut

in the summer as the water runs

down the sides. Also look at the

vellow grass in front of Highway

building in the part called "The

840 N. Summer St.

Editor's Note: We do not re-

gard the prospect of eventual

sale of this property to the

state as a "threat of condemna-

tion." For the area north of

Union St. no purchase authori-

zation has been voted; and prob-

ably will not be a good many

years. Subject only to the limit-

ations of the city zoning ordi-

nance which has always restrict-

ed this to residential develop-

ment property owners have full

freedom to buy, sell, build, im-

prove their property.

**TO SHOW PICTURES** 

A. D. Wilcox

Mall."

threat of State acquisition.

homes for this purpose.

not become part of the county sys-

tem because it is 10 feet short of Latest in a series of advanced the required 50-foot width for police training schools will be county roads. He told the court held in Salem three days next he would seek additional right-ofweek, with approximately 70 ofway. ficers of Salem and surrounding The county is also considering

area expected to be in attendance. re-opening a road in Gates which Scheduled on Monday is a class it vacated some years ago. Request to re-open the road was in laws of arrest, search and seizmade by a property owner who ure under direction of Lt. Farley now has no road leading to his Mogan of the state police. The subject in classes to be held here

The court was told by Assistant Wednesday and Thursday is safe Engineer Ted Kuenzi that if it burglary investigation and intershould open the road it would give rogation, with Sgt. Myron Warren also access to county-owned prop- of the Portland Police Departerty along the Santiam River ment in charge.

Salem Police Chief Clyde A. which could be used for public park purposes. No decision was Warren announced that because reached.

Lumber Firm

week.

they will receive no such price. Paper Co. in Portland.

Merrill Houghton, member of

the Knapp Lumber Sales Corpo-

ration of Portland, was elected

secretary-treasurer of the Chips

and Strips Lumber Corporation

at a special board meeting this

Houghton succeeds John Hall,

retired, according to P. O. Leith-

erer of Stayton, Chips and Strips

president. The meeting was held

Tuesday at the Oregon Pulp and

**Better English** 

two brothers."

By D. C. WILLIAMS

of the expected large enrollment classes will be held both afternoon and evening in the city **Houghton Named** council chamber. To Position by

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itch we run for Resinol-a won-

derful healing salve," says a reg-

1. What is wrong with this Advertising Representatives: sentence? "The man borrowed Ward-Griffith Co., West Holliday Co.. a coat off of the tallest of the New York, Chicago San Francisco Detroit

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

is misspelled? Bigamous, bi-Cuts & Scrapes enial, billet-doux, bilingual. 4. What does the word "com-

mensurate" mean? 5. What is a word beginning "When we have a cut, scrape or with co that means "huge; tremendous"? ANSWERS

ular user." Cleanse injured skin-use an an-1. Say "borrowed a coat from tiseptic-then apply soothing the taller of the two brothers." Resinol containing lanolin. It eases discomfort and aids healing. 2. Prinounce mung-grel, u as in up, accent first syllable. 3. Bi-At all druggists'. For sample write Resinol Dept. 9, Balto. 1, Md. "Name on request ennial. 4. Adequate. "John's salary was not commensurate with RESINOL CONTAINED his needs." 5. Colossal.



# Atomic War for Formosa's Offshore Islands Seen as Likely, Because of U.S. Weakness

#### By JOSEPH ALSOP

HONG KONG-Take the grave weakness of the American armed forces on this side of the Pacific. Blend in what seems to be the American



from this repellent recipe is Joseph Alsop the clear possi-

bility, almost verging on the likelihood, that the United States will end by having to fight an atomic war for Formosa's offshore islands.

That is not the Eisenhower administration's intention, of course. The intention is to make a cease-fire deal, or to teach the Communists to mind their manners in a "limited" fight. But the Administration's intention has less and less relation to the real drift of events.

It can be safely predicted that the Chinese Communists will not formall; assent to a cease-fire. In this city where the best information on Communist China is available, every competent authority, American, British and Chinese, also agrees that Pekings means to attack the offshore islands this spring. Therefore, unless the National Security Council again reverses American policy, a fight for the offshore islands involving American forces is now in the cards.

1922 I believe that home own-Maxine Buren, The Statesman against us, as it may well do, ers in this Mall area should be women's editor, will show pic-In such a fight, the air battle But history says it is a very ored him at a banquet at the there will be only one sure way heard from. No property has tures of her recent eastern trip will be crucial. A powerful Comrisky business to send in a carto win. Whatever may be the munist force is now massed for rier force against a strong landion Street by the Capitol Plan- at the home economics club meet-Administration's present intenthe air battles in the great Chibased air force. In the present A team and wagon load of tions, the use of the atomic ning Commission and no money ing of he West Salem Grange nese airbase complex in Chekiang case, the risk is all the greater freight being driven by two boys wealons can thus become unand Kiangsi provinces, as albecause the Communists are o, the State Training School were has been appropriated for this today. The club will meet for a avoidable. And so our own weak-**OSKO INSURANCE AGENCY** ready described in this space. ready to their llyushin-28 jet thrown into the Mill Creek when purpose. dessert luncheon at 1 p.m. at the ness can end by plunging us into an atomic war for Quemoy and Property owners in this part of the Mall project should not home of Mrs. John Boening, 1017 the covered bridge across the Ha : we, then, any assurance of bombers, which are almost as Phone 3-5661 1465 N. Capitol St. Between Hood and Shipping Sts., on Hiway Going North beating this powerful Communist air force without using the absofast as our carrier-borne fightstream near the training school be made to carry the load the Elm St., and the business meetthe Matsus. ers. Maybe the optimism of the gave away. Both boys and the (Copyright 1955, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.) lute weapons? admirals will be justified by the horses escaped injury. threat of State condemnation ing will follow at 3 p.m.

An unhappy "no" is the only events. But common prudence possible answer to this key quesdemands preparedness for a diftion. No one can give any other ferent outcome. answer, who knows the hard This assessment of the situafacts of our weakness. tion is the rea! explanation of the recent, sensational Tokyo story

Our only prospective allies, the policy in the Chirese Nationalists, have one Formosa crisis. unready group of F-86 fighters Add the formidand one obsolete group of F-84s able array of to match the very great Commu-Chinese Communist strength in jet aircraft. All nist military the rest of the small Nationalist Then air force is composed of rotary bake at crisis engined types.

What you get The U. S. Far Eastern air force has some 500 planes less, on its roster today than on the grim day when the Korean War began. Furthermore, it has no bombers whatever except for one group of B-36s on Guam. As they have been exclusively

trained with atomic weapons, the B-36s cannot hit a fair sized county with conventional bombs.

Finally, there is the Seventh Fleet, with its total strength of six carriers and no replacements in sight. On the Seventh Fleet will fall-must fall-almost the whole burden of the air offensive. Refuelled Air Force fighters may be used as bombers. But the main job of sweeping the enemy airfields, which is the only way to win the air battle, will have to be done by

naval air. That is the realistic situation. The Navy's leaders in the Pacific are strongly committed to the view that we must fight for the offshore islands. They do want to discourage a bold r policy. They profess to be able to do the job the situation imposes on them.

40 Years Ago

the sequel will then be total ca-Friends of Frank Meredith, former secretary of the State Fair Hence it is not hard to fore-Board who resigned to accept a see what can too easily happen. similar position with the Wash-If the fight for the islands goes ington fair at North Yakima, hon-

Safety Valve (Editor's Note: Letters for The Statesman's Safety Valve column are given prior consideration if they are informative and are not more than 306 words in length. Personal attacks and ridicule, as well as libel, are to be avoided, but anyone is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question.)

Tribute to Van Meters

To the Editor: May I add a very brief note to your recent editorial entitled, "A Practicing Preacher."

Contraction of the second s

When I was sponsoring the Fair Employment Practices Bill in the 1949 session of the Oregon Legislature, I found no more helpful or effective ally than the Reverend William S. Van Meter. Reverend Van Meter not only brought many outstanding people to the Senate Committee Labor to testify in behalf of the bill, but also played a major role in helping to mobilize the public opinion which eventually resulted in passage of the bill. Both Reverend Van Meter and his wife, Jane, were always in the forefront of various humanitarian causes in which the Legislature interested itself. Without such people I doubt if very much social legislation of a forward looking nature ever would be

passed. It takes the Bill Van

Meters and the Jane Van Meters

to galvanize the electorate so

that our laws and statute books

reflect the humanitarian view-

point of the American people as

As a resident of the state of

Oregon, I should like to say that

Schenectady's gain is Oregon's

loss. We have all too few Bill

Van Meters and Jane Van Met-

ers. I know I join with their

other many friends in wishing

them all the success and happi-

ness and good fortune in the

Richard L. Neuberger

United States Senator

Washington, D. C.

I have read your criticism of

Senator Lee Ohmart's resolution

to cut off the Capitol Mall area

at Union Street. As a resident

on North Summer street since

world in their new home.

**Defends** Ohmart Resolution

To the Editor:

a whole.