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Washington and Dr. Oppenheimer

The eminent scientists invited to the conference at the University of Washington have declined, one by one, because of the University's ban on the appearance of Dr. J. Ralph Oppenheimer. Various groups of the faculty have indicated their dissent, the latest being the Faculty Senate which expressed its disapproval by a vote of 56 to 40. Now that this record has been made, the affair should be consigned to the files. Academic freedom does not extend to prolonging a boycott over a matter such as this. The action of President Schmitz in barring the atomic scientist should not serve permanently to degrade the University in the intellectual world though its rating will suffer for a time because of it. Professors and students there still need visitations of intellectuals from off the campus.

Nor is there need to continue to harp on the Oppenheimer case. Surely all who had positive views on it have spoken their piece, and unless there are new disclosures no good is served by prolonging the argument. Perhaps from the incident some lessons have been learned: Scientists that they do not work in a vacuum but are part of the society and nation in which they dwell; politicians that security fears may breed nightmares which fade with the daylight. Perhaps investigations will become more objective.

We do not wish to indulge in breast-beating in pointing anew to the Oregon experience. Here Chancellor Byrne of the state system of higher education welcomed the coming of Dr. Oppenheimer for a series of lectures at state institutions. The heavens did not fall in. Oregonians take his coming in stride. We are confident he would have been received without untoward incident at the University of Washington. The real sufferer is the reputation of the University of Washington as a University. Enough Ph. Ds have spanked President Schmitz by this time, however, so that the record should be closed. The punishment has fitted the

The Senate committee on taxation is considering a plan to give voters their choice between a hopped-up income tax and a sales tax. With old-time western hospitality the committee would lead the people to the bar and sing out: "Name your poison."

Oregon has the makings of the most beautiful capitol mall (outside Washington, D. C.) in the entire nation. Men with small plans must not be permitted to ruin it.

The Oregon Journal concludes an editorial headed: "Let's Save Capitol Mall"

By JOSEPH ALSOP

SAIGON, Indochina - The real

key to the situation in this un-

happy country is a political equa-

tion a sixth grader could solve.

On one side of this equation

Joseph Alsop the eternal un-

Work out the three knowable

factors. Unless all the experts

are wrong about these factors,

the result equals eventual Viet

Minh victory here in Southern

Indochina, which in turn will

equal a general catastrophe in

The trouble in the countryside

is simple. President Ngo Dinh

Diem is a notably bad adminis-

trator. He has also been con-

tinuously and perhaps inescapa-

bly preoccupied with the strug-

gle for personal power in Saigon.

Thus he has left an almost com-

plete administrative vacuum in

The ruthless and well organ-

ized Communist apparatus has

been quick to send its cadres

into this vacuum. In the region

of the great rubber estates over

towards the Cambodian border,

for instance, military measures

prevented Vieh Minh infiltra-

tion until Geneva ended the

fighting. But now the Viet

Minh cadres have poured in and

Again, the important prov-

ince of Nha Trang has always

been predominantly Nationalist

rather than Communist. But in

recent months great numbers

of Viet Minh cadres-one un-

happy local official guesses as

many as 2,000 - have quietly

moved into Nha Trang from the

neighboring Communist strong-

hold of Quong Hay. And now

Nha Trang is being taken over

taken over the villages.

known, the future.

Southern Asia.

the provinces.

are three rela-

factors: the con-

dition of the

countryside, the

condition of the

Vietnamese na-

tional army, and

the condition of

Viet Minh power

in the North. On

What Kind of Strategy?

Rep. Harris Ellsworth has been visiting Oregon in the recess of Congress. He is quoted as saying in Eugene:

"There's not the slightest doubt that the President, the secretary of state and the military know exactly what they'll do-and there's no doubt that they don't want to tell the Chinese Reds. The question is not based on legalistic criterion; it is purely one of

He is two-thirds right: The secretary of state and the military know just what they will do respecting Fomosa and the offshore islands of China. They'll do just what the President says. The President, however, has not made it clear what he will do, save that if he thinks an attack on Quemoy and the Matsus is a build-up for an attack on Formosa he will order out the Navy and Air

All this may be purely a matter of strategy as Ellsworth declares. But what kind of strategy: military or political? The failure to sharply define our intentions is defended as wise political strategy, a play for a ceasefire agreement. It is easy to get into a hot argument, however, on whether joining the defense of the China islands is good strategy either from a military or political stand-

Editorial Comment

THOSE SNOW BANNERS

On the Willamette National forest, across the Cascades from Central Oregon, methods of integrating logging and water conservation are being studied.

When moisture falls from clouds and settles in thick timber, those in charge of the study point out, there is a considerable loss through evaporation. Much of the moisture never reaches the ground.

It has been suggested that through careful regulation of checkerboard logging in critical water shortage areas, the moisture be permitted to reach the earth, and eventually find its way into streams and reservoirs.

Presumably, clear logging would be advocated in higher fir areas where the full sweep of the westerly winds would drift snow into mountain valleys. There the pack would remain until the warm days of spring.

Nature has already used this system of "drift storage," in the higher country, and has robbed western Oregon of some of its stream flow, just as the Cascades have robbed easterly-drifting clouds of much of their rain.

In high areas above the timberline, high winds seasonally catch fluffy snow and move it miles into the east, over the Cascade divide and into the Deschutes watershed. Snow plumes and snow banners frequently

visible from the Deschutes sides of the Cascades are part of the snow drift from the Willamette slope to the Deschutes country. These snow banners, occasionally visible even

in April following new falls of snow in the Cascades, are spectacular-as well as beneficial to Deschutes irrigators. The banners reach easterly from the high

Cascades, especially the tall Three Sisters, as snowy pennants, some of them more than a mile Eventually this airborne snow, churned from

sheltered coves of the eastern Cascades, to revive glaciers and add to the winter pack that later in the year feeds tributaries of the Deschutes river. Thus some of the moisture originally intended

for that part of the state on the Pacific side of the Cascades finds it way to the sunshine side of the mountains, to fill lakes, increase stream flows and irrigate fields.

This is nature's way of compensating for some of the loss suffered through the dehydration of clouds by the high Cascades .- (Bend

Safety

(Editor's Note: Letters for The

Statesman's Safety Valve column are given prior consideration if they are informative and are not

more than 300 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 ques-

Believing you may be interest-

ed in a poll I conducted of more than 5000 students and more than

600 teachers throughout Oregon

concerning the matter of lower-

ing the voting age to 18, I call

to your attention the following

figures; these figures did not re-

present total enrollment but, in

most cases, represented either

enrollment in Junior and Senior

5939 total of students reporting:

610 faculty members reporting:

24 schools sent percentages

16 schools were represented by

Juniors and Seniors only and

sending percentages: Juniors,

62% for, 38% against; Seniors,

eveness with which the popula-

tion of Oregon is divided on the

matter. There is division among

It is for this reason that I urg-

ed passage of Senate Joint Reso-

lution No. 1 so that the people

might decide this question rather

than periodically having it de-

bated on the floor of the legisla-

State Senator

ly extended by development of a

MARK HATFIELD

those who would be affected.

This points up, I think, the

only: Students averaged 80% for: 20% against, Faculty averaged

51% for; 49% against.

65% for, 35% against.

53% were in favor; 47% were

classes or in Social Science

6112% were in favor; 3812% were

67 schools sent actua

Lowering Voting Age

To the Editor:

classes.

opposed.

Fables for adults . . . No. 384 . . . Once upon a time there was a rabbit, who was up to his big, twitchy ears in worry. He was a peculiar-type rabbit. He was an introvert. Sort of an ingrown hare. He had worried himself to the point where he was having daymares in his sleep. So, we find him hopping along through the forest on his way to see his pyschiatrist, Mr. Fox. Lippity-loppity, lippity-loppity lump, he went (one of his lippities wasn't even lopping right). And in less time than you can say "multiply" the rabbit arrived at Mr. Fox's office.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

TWENTY CENTURIES OF

"What's up Mac?" asked the Fox, taking up pad, pencil

"I'm having troubles," said the rabbit. "I worry all the time. And its getting worse of late. If this keeps up J'm afraid I'll worry myself into an awful stew." "Suicide complex." murmured the Fox. "Tell you what,

Mac. Just stretch out on that briar bush couch over there and tell me all about it." "Where'll I start?" asked the rabbit, relaxing and twirling

his whiskers.

"Just the hare-raising facts, man," said Mr. Fox.

"I get the strange feeling," said the rabbit quietly, "that all the Easter eggs I see are really midget-A bombs." "Pete." said Mr. Fox admiringly, "You really ARE on

the brink of a large, blue mental crackup. When a rabbit begins to mistake a poor mixed up thing like an A-bomb for an unscrambled egg, he's really had it." "It all started some time ago," noted the rabbit, slowly

picking his teeth with an early spring carrot. "I rassled up a big stack of eggs for Easter. I was happily coloring 'em one day when I read something about this bomb. The more I thought about it the less kick I got outa those eggs."

"Go on," said Mr. Fox, taking notes, "the boys at the Phrenologists, Skullshrinkers, Telepathists and Palmreaders Union, Local No. 4652, will never believe this."

"Well," sighed the rabbit, "the more I got to thinking about that A-bomb, the more I brooded. I couldn't eat. My fur lost its tone. My ears drooped. I never felt so bad since the spring of '48 when I caught cold from laying Easter eggs in a wet pansy patch. If there's one thing we rabbits can't stand its Easter rain in years of high grass."

"When did you first notice that the eggs were really bombs?" asked Mr. Fox.

"I'm not real sure," said the rabbit. "All I know is that Linoleum was invented in Engone day they were eggs and the next day they all seemed land in 1636, but its use was widelike bombs. I knew then I was cracking up." new process in 1860.

"This case is really simple," said Mr. Fox, folding his notebook. "You've simply egged yourself on to the point where sub-consciously you want to be deviled and beaten. You were overdoing this Easter egg business. All you have to do now is to think of the many other ideas connected with Easter. Eggs are only a small part of it. Actually when you consider all of Easter it makes the bombs a little easier to take. We all flip once in awhile. Friends tell me I imagine I hear bells. But that aint-say, Mac, hand me that helmet. I'll just step outside and see what those fire-whistles are all about . . ."

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1.)

achieved respectability. Underneath the veneer may be the hard shell of prejudice. Is there any greater depth by way of Faith? How many stand up and say, "This, I believe?" Theology it self seems rather out of style.

Religion does have place as a comforter to worried spirits. 'Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you" is a well-tested text which has brought support to millions. But religion is not just a sedative. Minister and priest are not merely competitors with the psychiatrist. Religion to be vital must be rooted more deeply though it need not flower in all the theological complexities which bewilder the mind of the ordinary mortal. Many may never spell out their beliefs; yet they hold certain convictions firmly. Their faith reaches to foundations though they cannot describe them. It carries them through deep waters; and it carries them also to heights of inspiration, catching visions of souls redeemed from evil and an

heaven of their hopes. Easter is the season of re-newal of life and of hope. It unfolds visions which inspire

earth which is a reflection of the

humanity to press forward and upward spite of obstacles and reverses. Its message is annual; it also is eternal.

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10 Years Ago April 10, 1945

Early in the war Reichmarshal Hermann Goering told the German people that "if ever a sin-gle bomber is able to fly over Berlin my name will be Meyer."
After the German capital had been largely reduced to ruins, everybody was calling Goering "Mr. Meyer," prisoners said.

In celebration of their Silver Wedding anniversary, the Rev. and Mrs. Weaver W. Hess were honored at a dinner in the Mirror room of the Marion Hotel, by members of the First Church of the Nazarene. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards acted as hosts.

Release of Leonards B. (Stub) Allison, head football coach at the University of California for the last 10 years, was announced at San Francisco by the executive committee of the associated

25 Years Ago

April 10, 1930

A new American fighting ship, the cruiser Chicago, took the water at Mare Island, Calif., amid the shrieks of whistles of scores of ships in the Mare Island channel. Miss Elizabeth Britten, sister of Congressman Fred A. Britten, christened the

standing woman and her name Bamboo Curtain.

was placed on a bronze tablet installed in a woman's hell of fame at Washington, D. C. The late Mrs. Duniway was a pioneer leader for women's sufferage on the Pacific Coast.

Forms for the concrete foundation of the Oregon - Washington Water Service company's filtration plant were being built and reinforcing iron placed in posi-

40 Years Ago April 10, 1915

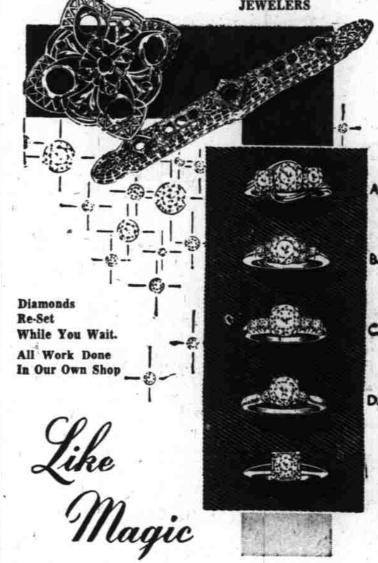
H. H. Vandevort returned from southern Oregon where he purchased a thousand sheep. At his place in Polk county shearing was on and in fine weather the men clipped the wool of a thousand sheep in three days.

Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary forces on the continent, reported the British losses in the three days fighting at Neuve Chapelle were 12,000 men.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lefurgy of Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada, enroute to their home from the San Francisco fair, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Steeves for a fortnight.

19 MISSIONARIES FREE HONG KONG A - The Roman Catholic center here reports 19 Catholic missionaries crossed the Hong Kong border from Red Miss Abigal Scott Duniway was China in March. That left 54, innamed as Oregon's most out- cluding four bishops, behind the

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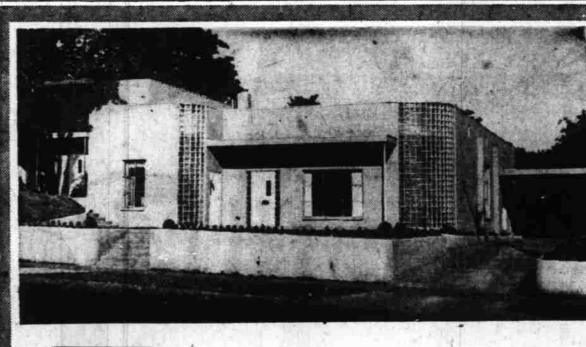
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Virgil T. Golden Co.

In the feudal domains of the military religious sects, to be sure, infiltrating Viet Minh cadres still get short shrift. But when the heat is really on, the

al deals with the Viet Minh that carry the burden the French the comparable Chinese warlords made with the Chinese Communists.

Communists Moving Into Political Vacuum

In the much larger area of Southern Indochina not under tively knowable sect control, meanwhile, between 60 and 70 per cent of the villages are already subject to strong Viet Minh influence. according to estimates from American official sources. French estimates, based on more detailed knowledge, give the Viet Minh probable control of a fantastic 70 to 90 per cent the other side is of the villages.

> Today, to be sure, the simple people of Viet Nam are desperately war weary. If a strong government could be created in Saigon by some unforeseen miracle, war weariness would help it take the villages away from the Viet Minh. But unless all signs deceived, Ho Chi Minh will shortly be able to raise the Indochinese countryside against the Saigon government by the simple act of sending his secret couriers across the 17th Paral-

In other words, Ho Chi Minh will be able to recreate in the South the same conditions that defeated the strong French army in Tonkin. In that nightmare war, the French forces held only the towns and strong points and even used the roads at their peril. And because most of the French forces were always tied down guarding their own rear against a hostile countryside, there were never enough French troops left over to confront the main body of Viet Minh regulars.

Such is the first factor of our equation which in turn confers a rather lurid importance on the second factor, the Vietnamese national army. This army is now disorganized, demoralized and suffering a hemorrhage of

Retraining and reorganization have just been started by Lt. Gen. John W. O'Daniel's Franco-American "Trim" group. But of the six planned Vietnamese divisions, only three will have received serious retraining by next year. The other three will merely get ten sect leaders who are new fight- days apiece of "indoctrination." ing President Diem, will surely And three fair and three dubitend to make the same nerson- ous divisions are no force to

In Free Indochina, Eventual Loss Feared carried in the Tonkin Delta.

> Finally, the equation's third factor, the power of the Viet Minh in the North, has been growing steadily. As predicted earlier by this reporter, the intelligence experts have had to raise their forecasts, giving Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap a full 20 divisions by the spring of 1956.

How then does this equation work out. Obviously the first part of the answer is that the Viet Minh would prefer to take Southern Indochina by peaceful means either at the Geneva-required election or the formation of a "Government of National Union" in Saigon.

But if they cannot take the South peacefully, yet have control of the Southern countryside, then the Viet Minh will surely order the guerrillas into action. They will filter a few guerrilla-disguiser small units of regulars into the South, both to intimidate any hesitant villages and to lead the guerrilla effort. And they will hold the balance of their regulars, say seven divisions, in reserve to discourage French or American intervention.

In these circumstances, intervention with large ground forces will be remarkably unattractive. In these circumstances, intervention with the air-sea mobile striking force Secretary Dulles is always talking about, will be about as useful as taking a bludgeon to a swarm of wasps. But in these circumstances, if there is no effective intervention to save Southern Indochina, the Vietnamese national army will not be able to hold out for more

than three months. This estimate of the Vietnamese army's future capability against the kind of insidious Viet Minh attack that is now generally foreseen, has been officially forwarded to Washington and Paris by the responsible American and French officers. It is probably an optimistic estimate. At any rate, it is the final answer of this Indochinese equation, which can make a mockery of Geneva, turn the Manila pact into a bitterly joke, and seal the fate all South Asia.

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