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Danger to Privacy

A few days ago a personable chap dropped in at the Statesman office and chatted a few moments. Then he whipped out a gadget from an inside pocket, snapped a button, and the entire conversation was played back to us. The gadget wasn't any bigger than a small book. It wasn't as big as a standard revolver. And yet we had an idea that as a potential weapon it was about as big as Mt. Hood. Did we want to buy one? No thanks.

The incident came to mind yesterday when we noted a magazine article entitled "Gadgets With Big Ears: An-End to Privacy?" It certainly looks so. There are startling innovations along that line, such as the parabolic microphone aimed with a telescopic sight to pick up conversations 300 yards away; tapping of telephone lines by remote control with no physical contact with the wires; cigaret-pack-size transmitters operated by batteries and beaming conversations to receivers a quarter of a mile away.

U.S. News and World Report says there is "complete agreement" that the new methods of eavesdropping are dangerous tools in the hands of criminals, a threat to security in matters of national defense, and a threat to privacy in matters involving business secrets and a person's private life.

Largely responsible for such developments is the transistor, which can be as small as the head of a wooden match, needing only a tiny fraction of space formerly used by radio tubes. One is known to have been put in a false heel on a shoe so that the wearer could have no knowledge whatever that his conversation was being recorded at all times. We have been concerning ourselves with the development of the A-Bomb as the ultimate in danger to human civilization but there also seem dire portents in gadgets which no one ever can be certain will not be quoting him for posterity.

The General Services Administration has issued a booklet entitled "Plain Letters" and designed to sweep the cobwebs out of gobbledegook in government communications. It's a worthy effort but when an underling has to reply to questions in a manner to please both his boss, by not saying anything, and a constituent, by giving an answer, we'll have to see some results before believing such is possible.

One of these times one of those north-bound drivers on 12th Street who doesn't see the stop sign at Hoyt is going to pile himself and some other driver all over the landscape and then maybe flashing signals will be installed.

Adlai Stevenson has gone off to Africa but the news reports didn't say whether he is going to do any big-game hunting. Well, he's had considerable practice in shooting at elephants.

British Pledge to Support Formosa May Precede Abandonment of Quemoy, Matsus

By STEWART ALSOP
WASHINGTON — An Anglo-American agreement, which would involve abandoning the Chinese off-shore islands of Matsus and Quemoy, is now a growing possibility. Indeed, such an agreement is probable rather than possible, if only the Chinese Communists hold off from attacking Quemoy and Matsus for a few more weeks.

The general shape of the deal which seems to be in the making is simple enough. The United States would put all possible pressure on Chiang Kai-shek to evacuate the islands, meanwhile making it clear that American forces would not defend the islands in case of attack. In return, the British would make some sort of commitment—short of a permanent guarantee to the present Chinese Nationalist regime—to take part in the defense of Formosa in case of an attack by the Communists.

The British would certainly be joined in such a pledge by Australia and New Zealand, probably by Canada, possibly by France and the NATO countries, conceivably by most of the non-Communist world. But the British commitment is the heart and soul of the proposed agreement, the essential ingredient.

The deal is by no means all buttoned up, of course. It is in what one of the interested parties has called "the floating around stage," which means carefully informal chats which commit nothing. It seems to have reached this stage largely as a result of Adlai Stevenson's recent foreign policy speech. When a Secretary Dulles accused Stevenson of plagiarizing his own ideas, the Washington diplomatic corps was surprised. But since then, the idea of an Anglo-American agreement to defend Formosa but not the off-shore islands, which was vaguely foreshadowed in the Stevenson speech, has been floating around much more visibly than before.

The advantages of this kind of arrangement with the British are obvious. The British alliance

Legislative Action Needed

The legislative ways and means sub-committee charged with evaluating state salary schedules and adjustments has progressed too far at this point to warrant delaying some sort of positive action beyond the present legislative session, and, so far, the sub-committee itself does not seem disposed toward such delay. We hope the remainder of the legislature shares the same feeling. There's a job remaining that should be done.

The Barrington report, as much as it is criticized, at least gives a basis from which the civil service commission should be allowed to work out a fair and equitable program. And in cases wherein civil service does not apply (such as the state police and others whose salaries are covered by statute), either adjustments should be worked out now or contingent legislation passed to prevent discrimination when an over-all plan becomes effective, with similar provisions for the status of employees in self-sustaining departments.

Once a master plan on salary schedules is effected, assuming it would not be whittled away, there should be less headaches all the way around.

Hillsboro Votes for the Navy

The question as to whether Hillsboro wants a \$12 million Naval air base has been resolved as far as the voters of that city are concerned. They expressed their wishes 3 to 1 in favor of the project Tuesday, and thus gave permission for the Navy to take over their municipal airport. There was considerable objection from rural residents in the area but the balloting was confined to the city which owns the field.

Rural objections apparently were based on the contention that noise would have an adverse effect on poultry and livestock, as well as possibly causing some disturbance to people themselves. But assuming the Navy accepts the invitation, the issue seems settled.

Thus do the smaller communities as well as larger ones welcome new residents and new payrolls. Hillsboro seems to be a strategic location for military forces which might be used in defense of the nearby metropolitan center as well as for training work centered away from major centers of population. We hope Hillsboro and the Navy get along well.

Editorial Comment

THE LAST WORLD LOST

The time that a man has to himself, to think his own thoughts uninterrupted or perhaps to think none at all, has already shrunk pretty close to zero under the importunings of the telephone, radio and television. His last sanctuary from the clamor of these electronic voices, or those of his family, has been the time of sleep. Now this last quiet world may be lost. Theatre Arts magazine notes that a man has invented a thing called a Dormiphone. The idea is to place a miniature speaker beneath the pillow to din facts into the brain while the victim sleeps.

Actors can use it to learn the lines they must soon pronounce upon the stage; students to master French irregular verbs; businessmen to absorb the data they must have ready in the mind come morning.

While sleeping, the little electric currents will have formed the memory; on awakening, the mind will be full of knowledge.

Thus so sadly does science step ahead. Even an actor, however little he may court isolation in his waking moments, may still set some store by the privacy of slumber. And who among the rest of us, will tolerate this usurpation of our dreams, especially since Sigmund Freud has now made them so significant and interesting?

—Wall Street Journal.

would be preserved, and at long last something like an Anglo-American united front in Asia created. At the same time, the Administration would be off the Quemoy-Matsus hook, and it is no secret at all that most Administration policy makers would give a great deal to be extricated from the off-shore-island dilemma.

To be sure, there might be trouble from the Knowland-Bridges faction in the Senate. But the Administration could argue with some justice that a British-Australian-New Zealand commitment to defend Formosa—which no one would have imagined possible six months ago—was worth far more to Chiang than the off-shore islands. As a straight political matter, indeed, most observers now agree that almost any "peaceful" settlement of the Formosa crisis would be a big political net plus for the Administration—at least for the time being.

From the British viewpoint, the kind of deal outlined above would mean in effect adoption by this country of the "two Chinas" policy long advocated by the British—and a carefully qualified commitment to join in the defense of Formosa might not be too high a price to pay for this result. Even so, it would not be easy for the British to make such a commitment, however hedged about.

To be sure, the Eden government could present the agreement as a triumph of British diplomacy, pulling the impetuous Americans back from the brink of the abyss. But the "not a single Tommy for Chiang Kai-shek" line has been so successfully propagated in Britain that any British commitment of any sort to defend Formosa would be highly dangerous politically.

For this reason, it is most unlikely that any agreement will be reached before the British elections of May 26. But if the Conservatives are triumphantly re-elected, an Anglo-American deal on Formosa will certainly be up for most serious consideration.

May 26 may be too late, of course—the Communists may attack before then. Or Chiang Kai-shek may flout and openly

refuse to be eased off the islands, in which case such an Anglo-American deal would look like a public invitation to the Communists to attack our Nationalist allies.

Yet it is a reasonably good bet all the same that the crisis of the off-shore islands will eventually be resolved in some such way as that outlined above. A cease fire in the Formosa Strait has all along been the central American objective. Originally it was hoped that the Chinese Communists would abandon their claim to Formosa, or at least make a public pledge not to attack Formosa, in return for getting Quemoy and Matsus without a fight.

This hope, unrealistic from the start, is now dead. The proposed Anglo-American deal would substitute a cease fire in the Formosa Straits, based not upon meaningless Communist promises, but on American power backed by British and commonwealth support. There is much to be said for this more realistic kind of cease fire. There is only one thing to be said against it—that, however much it may be dressed up, it represents one more retreat in Asia, and one more retreat may be one too many.

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Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "There is no river as beautiful as this."
 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "sonorous"?
 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Legalize, apprise, supervise, compromise.
 4. What does the word "aliteration" mean?
 5. What is a word beginning with pr that means "bountiful"?
- ANSWERS
1. Say, "There is no other so beautiful as this." 2. Pronounce so-no-ru-s, both e's as in so, accent second syllable. 3. Supervise. 4. Repetition of the same letter or sound at the beginning of words succeeding each other, as, "In a summer season when soft was the sun." 5. Profuse.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"No, no, Truffel... First, you fill the patient's mouth with cotton wads, rubber dams and suction pipe... THEN you ask about his family..."



Have your kiddies been going beddy-bye these nights with their little nerves frayed to a frazzle and shaking with the DT's—delerium television? Well, a local doctor says that since the advent of TV in Salem he's noticed an increase in the number of kids coming in with gnawed fingernails and other marks of nervousness. He doesn't blame ALL these junior-type shakes on nerve-wracking TV programs. But part of his treatment is to have parents take another look at the type and length of TV shows their kids glue their little eyes to...

Two teen-age girls wandered into the Capitol press room Wednesday and asked newsmen if they could change a quarter. Probably looking for candy machine fodder. The newsmen had no change (or no money). Finally one speedy-brained reporter sent the girls across the hall to the state treasurer's office....

Gerry Frank, who will boss the Meier & Frank Salem store, appeared at Salem Rotary Club Wednesday noon in fine spirits. He slyly called to the speaker's table Philip Hawley and gave him a charge-account plate for the new M & F store. Hawley is merchandising manager at Lipman's.... Gerry then told how the big store would bring to Salem from time to time famous persons for special appearances. He gave Don Woody a ticket for a luncheon date at M & F with Miss America of 1956 (whoever she turns out to be), who is slated to visit the Salem store next year.... Didn't say, though, whether she would be included in a Friday Special....

That prologue to Gangbusters, which tells how the Oregon prison has been improved recently, was originally taped by Salem's Dave Hoss of KSLM. When the movie's camera crews were here last summer Dave showed them around. He also wrote and delivered the prologue. But it turns out it's somebody else doing the talking in the real movie.... Speaking of radio—Ray Loder of KGAE mentioned the other night on the air something about starting an IHAG Club (I Hate Arthur Godfrey). It wasn't long until the studio phones were jammed with Arthur's little enemies. Personally we think that, now that income tax time is over, Arthur was just getting rid of all those dependents....

One downtown gas station must have been trying to cover all of its competitors' gas prices the other day. It simultaneously displayed signs showing prices for the same vintage gas at 27.9, 28.9 and 29.9 cents. Attendants probably tried to match up a price with the kind of car you were driving that day.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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transmission business, like Phillips Petroleum. They sell gas to the pipeline companies who in turn sell it to local distributing companies. The independents who produce but do not distribute gas fight off regulation. For one thing they are afraid it might be extended to cover petroleum which is their major interest. They claim also that there is no practical way to regulate the price they should charge for gas. They sink many holes; some are dry; some produce oil, others gas. How can you figure out the allowance to be made for natural gas. The solution, in their opinion is to let competition in the field determine the price. Also natural gas has to compete with other fuels such as coal and heating oils. They set ceilings on what charges can be made for gas. Regulation, producers say, would cause independents to stop drilling for gas or to sell the gas to local industries. This would force up the price of gas to distant consumers.

Consumers on the other hand are afraid if there is no regulation on cost of gas to the pipeline companies they will be stuck. They point to the steady increase in gas charges during the years when no regulation has been invoked to show their exposure.

The argument of the independent producers which seems to have good basis is doubt of a practical method of carrying out regulation. As far as fear of extension of regulation to petroleum production is concerned that seems remote. If it comes it will be because of growth of public opinion it is necessary, not because of natural gas regulation.

But how should prices be fixed for natural gas at the wellhead? "Fair return" on what? How can you depreciate a dry hole for example? In the end it looks as though regulation would have to pay attention to the prevailing rates of sale in given fields.

Big distributing companies do not seem willing to forego federal

Science Finds Women Don't See Themselves as Others See Them

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

NEW YORK (UP)—When we look into mirrors what we see is not always what is there, and science now can give you an idea of how this works in girls.

When girls look into mirrors, they're likely to see narrower noses, slimmer calves and ankles, and smaller feet than are actually being reflected in the glass.

But they're inclined to eye-measure their busts on the biggest side. According to Sidney M. Jourard and Paul F. Second of Emory University, this is because girls carry around in the backs of their heads, the measurements of "the ideal female figure."

See What They Like
They pick up these ideal measurements here and there, from other girls who are conspicuously successful with males and, most importantly, from "Hollywood stars and beauty queens." Then, when they look into their mirrors, they'll see themselves, if it is at all possible, as they'd like to be rather than as they are.

The scientists tried out their theories on 60 college girls at Emory. They used questionnaires; also, in their words, "assorted rulers, tape measures, calipers, and scales for direct measurement."

However, the measuring was done by Miss Fairlie Brown, a student whose assistance Brown and Second gratefully acknowledged in their report to a technical journal of the American Psychological Association.

The ramifications were some-

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

April 21, 1945

Miss Ida Mae Smith was elected president for the coming year of Salem Business and Professional Women's Club at the organization's annual election. Mrs. Arthur Weddle was named first vice president.

Marshal Philippe Petain surrendered to French officials at the Swiss border to await trial in France on a charge of high treason. He was 89 years old and former Vichy chief of state.

Bess Truman, new first lady not yet in the White House, broke a 12-year precedent—she planned no press conferences. She met them later by giving a tea.

25 Years Ago

April 21, 1920

Word was received in Salem of the death in Long Beach, Calif., of the Rev. Davis Errett, pastor of the Salem First Christian Church for 10 years. They had been in California only five months.

The Salem Y.M.C.A. volleyball team took second place in the northwest championship tournament held at Tacoma. The local team, captained by Leon Barrick, won from Olympia, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver teams. Local players were Lloyd Gregg, C. Page, W. Huffstedter, Nile Hilborn, C. Hill, Breyman Boise, C. Lee and Keith Brown.

More than 300 persons in Ohio penitentiary were killed by smoke and fire in one of the most appalling disasters in American history at Columbus, O. Most of them were trapped in locked cells.

40 Years Ago

April 21, 1915

Ripe strawberries were picked on the Isaiah Elbert place, two miles up the river in Polk County. They were of the Gold Dollar variety. These were believed to be about the first home grown to ripen thus far this season.

Reminiscences ran riot in Judge Webster's office when O. M. Whitney of Oakland, Calif., called to see the judge who was captain of the company in which Mr. Whitney served as private during the Civil War. They had not seen one another for fifty years.

Flying at the rate of 60.07 miles an hour twenty-five carrier pigeons which left Salem to make the trip to Seattle of 233 miles air line, made it in the remarkable fast time of three hours and fifty minutes. The birds were released by Stanford Jones, agent for the Great Northern Express Company.

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what complex. When we look into the mirror, our attitude toward what we see is body-cathexis. If we are delighted by what we see, then we score quite high on the body-cathexis scale — and if we shudder at it, we score very low. Asked Reaction
The Emory girls were asked to give their reactions to their own

Chou Shows Himself Quite An 'Operator'

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

Red China's Chou En-Lai showed himself at Geneva as quite an operator, and his actions at Bandung reveal no loss of skill.

At Geneva Chou had the driver's seat, and did not spare the whip. At Bandung he is all sweetness and light — on the surface. He stands before the delegates and says in effect "Take a look. Sure we're Communists. But if you omit the United States, which is picking on us, we're friends of everybody. We don't even come here and ask you to take sides against our enemies. We're just here to help you attain your objectives of peace and coexistence. Unity for Asia and Africa!"

Nevertheless, Bandung was not proving to be either the neutralist heyday or the Communist show which had been expected. It was highly noticeable when the sponsoring Asian nations invited Red China alone from the active participants in the Cold War.

Nehru's neutralism went by the boards on that. But, from the Western standpoint, it is turning out to be a good thing. So far, attacks on colonialism — the one thing that ties the vastly different nations into something of a group — have failed to strike the chords which have been attained by the attackers of Communism.

The Philippines, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and some of the others promise to be far more eloquent and effective defenders of the West than any Westerners could be in such a circle.

Iraq's warning against trading a reformed and waning colonialism for a new and aggressive colonialism was something that Asia had long needed to hear, but which could be told them impressively only by kinfolk.

Romulo's warning against any attempt to organize a racial bloc, at a time when the West is trying to overcome its racial prejudices, injected a note of sanity into what many observers, including Romulo himself, had feared might become a runaway situation.

One of the important revelations at the conference has come through Nehru's display of coldness toward anyone who defends the West. He and Chou have presented a united front on this. In the world of today, it's important for the West to recognize its opponents.

Turkey cut Nehru down when he tried to take complete command of the conference. Iraq cut Chou down about communism.

Romulo cut down the racialists. Chou is making a smart play. But so far his hand of honey has produced no stamped to the Communist table.

For one thing, too many of the delegates have an ear cocked toward Washington for developments in the proposed two billion dollar Asiatic economic aid program. Nehru himself has been forced to call another conference to consider the advice to be given regarding the use of that. The Western table is laden with more than honey.

height, weight, nose length, and the circumferences of their busts, waists, calves, and ankles. They could put down that they had felt one of the following: "Strong positive feeling, positive feeling, slight positive feeling, no feeling one way or the other, slight negative feeling, negative feeling, strong negative feeling."
All the results turned up the existence of an "ideal female figure" shared by most if not all. It showed that those girls who could, saw themselves as the ideal, more or less. It showed that those who couldn't kid themselves, had some variety of "negative feeling" about the ankles or the bust or the waist which fell short of (or exceeded) the ideal.

SEC Contends Helser Guilty Of All Charges

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission Wednesday asked Federal Court to find the J. Henry Helser Co., of Portland guilty of all charges of violation brought by the SEC. Franklin E. Kennamer, SEC attorney, contended in his final argument that testimony presented at the lengthy hearing completely supported charges that Helser had misrepresented the amount of risk involved in the trading of marginal stocks, and in some instances the fact that margin trading was even involved in their accounts.

"Pyramiding Risks"
In asking Judge Louis E. C. man also for an order to the investment management company to make it observe regulations of the Investment Advisors Act, Kennamer declared the Helser management plan "is nothing but a plan for pyramiding risks."

The SEC attorney ignored with one exception an offer of the company Wednesday morning to make drastic changes in its operating procedures and relations with clients.

Six-Page Document
In attempting to prevent the issuance of an injunction, Robert Burns, Helser's attorney, submitted a six-page document in which the company offered to confirm with SEC wishes.

The only reference to the document made by Kennamer was in the matter of fees, which Helser offered to reduce and to explain fully to clients. The SEC attorney said the commission does not claim the power to regulate brokerage or management fees. He did ask that the court order require that Helser make clear to clients all of the fees and the fact that the fees total from 4 to 5 per cent of the total investment.

Appointment of State's Federal Judge Due Soon
WASHINGTON (AP) — Jess Gard, Oregon Republican national committeeman, reported Tuesday that President Eisenhower will appoint a new federal district judge for Oregon within the next week or so. Gard declined to say who he would be named to the post. The name of Circuit Judge William G. East of Eugene had been mentioned for the judge.

AMENDMENT APPROVED
WASHINGTON (AP) — A constitutional amendment giving presidential nominee the same portion of electoral votes as receives in the popular vote was approved by a Senate Judiciary subcommittee Tuesday.

FAITH
"Without faith it is impossible to please him."
Heb. 11:6.
"For if ye believe not that I am he ye shall die in your sins." John 8:24
"One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Eph. 4:5
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