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Crack Down on Drunk Drivers!

Budget-minded city council members and frustrated arresting officers have their eyes on a growing list of drunk driving cases which they fear defendants are going to win by postponing them to death.

The budgetmakers point at the lost revenues in old, dismissed cases; the policemen point to the lost conviction. Both are making an effort to reinstate an old city ordinance which permitted the city police department to confiscate the automobile operated by an individual arrested for driving while intoxicated on the city streets.

Their principal argument for return of the law is valid in that it forces the defendants and the courts into speedy disposal of drunk driving cases. Technically, an automobile would be held as evidence to prevent a defendant from claiming, for instance, that faulty mechanism and not too many shots at the corner bar was to blame for his erratic driving. This makes sense, too, but more important is the need for the extra incentive to get defendants before a judge before witnesses scatter or their memories fail or arresting officers leave the police force.

Some cases in Salem's municipal court date back almost to the repeal of the old law, long in effect in the city. Police await disposition on a dozen cases, some more than two years old. They note that no one, deprived of his automobile, let his case drag on indefinitely before the old law was changed.

There are points on the other side of the question, too. Such a law can—and did—provide some harsh injustices. It marks no difference, and judicially so, in ownership of the car. A borrowed automobile goes as quickly to the lockup as that owned by the arrested driver. Opponents of the bill, now before the city council, cite the case of a farmer who lost the use of his truck for several days in the harvest season peak because one of his employees imbibed too heavily on a trip to town with a load of berries.

Proponents retort that the law will make the car owner more wary of whom he permits to drive his vehicle, thus reducing the number of hazardous drivers.

Opponents also argue that confiscation of property such as an automobile is inherently wrong because it deprives the owner from its use on the supposition that he may be guilty. The driver can go free on bail in order to continue his occupation, but he can't demand a set bail on his car needed to get him to his job.

Any law is subject to abuses and both the old law permitting confiscation and the present law which doesn't, have meant hardships in individual cases. But the proposed bill adds one more deterrent to driving while intoxicated and it plugs one more hole by which the guilty might escape.

Portland is to be congratulated on going 30 days without a traffic fatality. Death of a 3-year-old girl struck by a truck interrupted the record. Previously this year, 13 died in Portland traffic accidents. We hope the tragedy of the little girl's death will focus renewed interest in the state's metropolis in going even longer without a similar incident.

William Henry Taylor Demands Chance to Clear Charge Lodged by Elizabeth Bentley

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—A showdown fight involving the government's whole loyalty-security system is now shaping up. The fight will center on a minor official in the International Monetary Fund, called William Henry Taylor.

Taylor was one of those named by Elizabeth Bentley, the famous former Communist espionage courier, as a member of the espionage group in the Treasury Department during the war. The Bentley charge was aired in substance before a Senate committee by Attorney General Herbert Brownell in 1953, when he testified on the case of the late Harry Dexter White.

Taylor, who has never taken the Fifth Amendment, has repeatedly and flatly denied under oath that he was ever a Soviet agent or a Communist. He has now demanded, in letters to the members of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, that his case be investigated publicly; that he be allowed to confront his chief accuser, Miss Bentley; and that his guilt or innocence be finally determined.

At the same time, he has asked the Loyalty Board which has been hearing his case to call Brownell and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover to answer questions about what he alleges to be demonstrable falsehoods in Miss Bentley's testimony. In short, Taylor and his lawyer, former Congressman Byron Scott, are now determined to force a public showdown.

One result of the showdown could be to prove that Taylor is guilty. Another result could be to clear his name. But if Taylor's name is cleared, a heavy cloud of doubt will be thrown over all Elizabeth Bentley's testimony, and indeed

over the Justice Department's methods and the whole security system. It is easy to see why the Taylor case could start a major row.

Taylor's position is extraordinary. He has, after all, been named by the Attorney General of the United States as one who could be used by a "parallel of Soviet intelligence." Yet he still holds a public position, and part of his salary, at least, is paid by the United States Treasury.

Taylor is, in fact, the last of those named by Miss Bentley who still holds a public position. Very heavy pressure has been brought to bear on the Monetary Fund to get rid of him quietly. Among other high officials, both former Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder and his successor, George Humphrey, have written to the Fund urging that Taylor be fired.

The Fund managers, however, have quite properly taken the position that the charges against Taylor should first be heard. His case was therefore assigned early in 1953 to the International Organization's Employees Loyalty Board.

This board has been holding intermittent hearings for a year and a half. During all this time, despite the statement of the Attorney General to the Senate committee, the board has been unable to establish that Taylor is guilty as charged, or even that the "reasonable doubt" required for firing as a security risk exists. Accordingly, Taylor still holds his job.

Taylor's defense before the board has been simply to challenge the veracity of his accuser, Miss Bentley, not only in his own case, but in the case of Harry Dexter White and others. In a public showdown, he will make the same defense.

Taylor and his lawyer have prepared a dossier of more than 100 pages, which purports to

An Alert Guard

"The National Guard is ready, on the land and in the air" is the theme song of the Guard's enlistment-promotion radio programs. The success of Operation Minute Man Wednesday shows that the Guard, indeed, is ready.

If there were any major bugs in this dramatic dress rehearsal for a mobilization alert, they will show up in the recapitulations and measures can be taken for their correction. Apparently, though, the whole operation ran smoothly, which is an indication of the tremendous amount of detailed planning that was undertaken and executed.

An example of the careful preparation are the radio bulletins broadcast at intervals, calling up the Guardsmen but emphasizing that this was a practice alert and that other civilians should continue with their business as usual. This averted confusion and, perhaps in some areas, even panic among uninformed bystanders watching Guardsmen in uniforms and carrying firearms dashing to anti-aircraft guns for all the world as if the Bolsheviks were upon us.

The efficiency and dispatch with which the nation's modern Minute Men responded to the call and manned their stations Wednesday should gratify the commanders and reassure the public. Even if the need for a real-McCoy mobilization never, please Heaven, occurs, the men who participate in these maneuvers are learning skills, disciplines and qualities of leadership and cooperation useful to themselves and to their communities, especially in case of natural disasters or other emergencies. Such training builds a sense of responsibility that is essential for the well-being of any civil body in peace or war. Thus the recruiting posters contain more truth than punditry when they say it pays to "Keep Your Guard Up."—M.W.W.

Labor-Management Relations

How much Red-domination of electrical-trades unions had to do with the London newspaper strike is unknown but the effect on the city's economy has been all too apparent. Not only did 23,000 workers lose their jobs for a time because of the 700 strikers. Newspapers themselves count their loss at more than \$10 million; the city's entertainment world slowed to a standstill; trade dwindled generally, and the reading public didn't get a chance to know much about one of the country's greatest stories of the century, the retirement of Winston Churchill. Who won? It is pretty certain no one did. The electrical workers probably got some concessions, and there is no reason to suppose they didn't deserve them—though a special government court of inquiry termed their strike action "precipitate" and their demands "unrealistic." Whatever the result, it will take a long time for those involved directly and indirectly to recover their losses. Failure in labor-management relations is always serious.

Editorial Comment

WHO'S CRAZY?

In St. Petersburg, Fla., a circus clown and tattoo artist's helper was picked up by the cops. They returned him to Rochester, N. Y., where he had lived as president of the Clark Paint, Oil & Glass Co. The presumption is that the clown, Rufus K. Dryer, is an amnesia victim.

They think it must be amnesia. Otherwise why would the president of a big company drop everything to be a clown? There seems to be no thought that perhaps he'd rather be a clown. Perhaps they are not paying enough attention to his comments about how the children's eyes would light up when he went into his act. No body has wondered how many children's eyes lit up when he dealt in paint, oil and glass back in Rochester.

Mr. Dryer, who was hunted by the cops, has an obligation. He must support his kids, if he has any. Maybe, under some conditions, he ought to support his wife. But there is no law that says a perfectly happy tattoo artist's helper has to be a big business executive in Rochester, N. Y.

—Eugene Register-Guard

THE CAST ENDURING LIGHT



Comes the Dawn

When Will Bateson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Bateson of Pratum was named assistant editor of the N. Salem Hi Clarion, he was merely carrying on a long-established family tradition. His mother, the former Mildred Gilbert, was the first student to be elected editor of the Clarion by the student body in the 1920's. Later, in the 1940's, the office of editor was changed from an elective post to an appointive one. And Will's older brother, Cornelius Jr., was the last student to be elected editor Not only that, but Will is the third (and, the way it looks from here, the last) Bateson son to be the Statesman's school correspondent at N. Salem



Speaking of the recent Portland Hell's Canyon hearing in his weekly newsletter, Sen. Neuberger notes that Rep. Barney Sisk of Calif., one of the committee men, told him later he had never seen such rude conduct and behavior Even though the Congressmen gave up their Easter vacation to fly out West they didn't exactly have to shoot wild jackrabbits and burn buffalo chips to exist. They got martinis and steaks—the Air Force outfits its planes for traveling lawmakers on official business with kitchens, bars and stewards to man 'em.

During the plane trip the senators got a too-close-up view of the canyon about which all the dam controversy (both high and low) is brewing. The Air Force pilot took them right down into the deepest gorge on the continent. Sen. Morse, glancing uneasily at the mountain crags rising on both sides of plane, began wondering out loud why they were flying that low. Congresswoman Gracie (Hell's Belle) Pfost of Idaho, agreed with Sen. Morse about the altitude of the plane—as she also does about the altitude of the proposed dam. After a huddle, Gracie finally went up front and asked the pilot to please grab a little altitude

And from a reader who puts his mind to the weighty things in life comes a note containing advice to gardeners on how to prevent wild Chinese pheasants from stealing peas from home gardens. "Pheasants always start to eat the young green peas on the outside row," reads this sage communique. "So, this danger may be avoided simply and effectively by not planting an outside row."

Remember the days when a lot of romances but few marriages started in college? Well, Willamette students recently nominated three beautiful candidates for May Queen. And two of these gals are married and the third is engaged. And husbands, wives and engagees are all going to school. This isn't the first time in the school's history that a kitchen queen became May Queen, but it's the first time the field of candidates was loaded with so much domesticity

Portland Ocean Shipping Climbs

PORTLAND—Ocean shipping increased 24 per cent in the first three months of the year at Portland, compared with the same period last year, the Portland Thursday.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"The employees' committee isn't walking out on the wage negotiations, gentlemen. It's merely taking their usual 'coffee break'."

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

April 22, 1945

On the western front—Yanks plowed within 8 miles of show-down with Nazis at Austrian border as British took Bremen, Reich's second largest port.

More than a score of fledgling Kiwanians—members inducted into the Salem club within the last few months—were guests at a meeting led by the organization's educational committee. Speaker was W. L. Braun.

State highway engineer R. H. Baldock disagreed with that part of the recent report of the national safety council recommending that the yellow center stripe on Salem's streets, be substituted with a white stripe. Baldock said many tests had found that yellow was more visible to the motor vehicle driver than any other color.

25 Years Ago

April 22, 1930

Mrs. Mona Yoder was unanimously elected president of the Salem Business and Professional Women's club. Other officers who were chosen were Merle Dimick, first vice-president; Ruth Moore, second vice president; Irene Breithaupt, recording secretary; Helen Crosby, corresponding secretary; Clara McNeill, treasurer.

Completely fatigued after their strenuous activities at the closing session of the London naval conference, Col. Henry L. Stimson and the nucleus of the American delegation sailed for home on the liner Leviathan.

The second annual Jym Jamboree, given by the Girls' Numerical club of the senior high school was held in the school gymnasium. Two physical education instructors and advisors of the club, were Mrs. Grace Wolgamott and Miss Echo Baldree.

40 Years Ago

April 22, 1915

Oregon taxpayers last year paid out approximately \$255,000 for holding primary and general elections in the state, according to figures compiled in the office of the Secretary of State.

Six hundred acres of wheat was destroyed by crickets in the Wilson creek country of Grand County, Washington. Millions of the insects invaded the valley and trenches three miles were plowed on the 6,000 acre farm of one rancher.

From London came word that popular prejudice against Germany did not extend to its classic composers, whose names figured in almost every orchestral concert to London. Bach, Beethoven and Brahms festival in a series of six concerts were given for the benefit of French and Belgian charities.

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Toastmasters District Meet to Lead Off Convention Series

New officers will be elected at the convention Saturday of District 7 Toastmaster International to be held at the Hotel Marion. Some 300 persons are expected from southern Washington, northern California and Oregon.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. J. J. Ferder of the Salem area toastmaster district will be in charge of hospitality.

Robert Batorf of the Capitol Toastmasters Club, Salem, will be in charge of the day's conference. Election of officers will be at 4 p. m. Saturday. George Loney, Portland, is present district 7 governor.

A 7 p. m. banquet in the hotel's Gold Room will feature a speaking contest with out-of-town contestants. Winner last year, Victor Miller, Portland, will be toastmaster.

Grant Braun, Portland, will give humorous speech, "Neurotic Nebotodes," preceding the contest. Winner will go to Portland to compete in the Northwest district contest June 4.

At a noon luncheon at the hotel, Charles Barclay, city purchasing agent, will welcome the convention to Salem. Toastmaster there will be William Iron, Silverton.

Omar Halverson, Salem, will be one of the speakers and skits will be given by Salem and Silverton clubs.

Parliamentary Contest
At 10 a. m., a parliamentary contest will be held in the Colonial Room of the hotel. Clubs from Portland, Salem and Gresham will compete for a certificate. Del Ramsdell, teacher at South Salem High School, will be one of the judges.

An officer evaluation "buzz session" will be held during the remainder of the morning. Meanwhile, some 350 persons are expected to attend four other conventions to be held in Salem during the latter part of this month and in May.

Seventy-five are looked for at the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall Saturday.

On April 30, the Women's Overseas Service League will meet at the YWCA. Fifty are expected.

Two Meetings
Two conventions will be held simultaneously in the city May 7. One hundred are expected then at the International Association of Electrical Inspectors meet at the city hall.

The Oregon Optometric Association will open a three-day convention the same day at the Hotel Marion, with 125 expected. It is the only one of the conventions running longer than a day.

Court Hears Fong Testify

PORTLAND—Wayne Fong took the stand Thursday, but court closed before he got to the vital part of his testimony.

Fong and his wife, Sherry, are on trial on a first-degree murder charge, accused of killing 16-year-old Diane Hank last year. The state contends they did her in because she found out Fong was mixed up in gambling and narcotics traffic.

Fong reviewed his early life and said he became acquainted with Miss Hank when she served as their baby sitter and became a friend of his wife. Court adjourned then until Friday.

Two Bandits Rob Canadian Bank

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Two bandits held up the Royal Bank of Canada here Thursday and escaped with between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

The men, both masked and heavily armed, escaped among noon-hour crowds in South Vancouver.

Bank officials said they made only a rough estimate, and guessed the total loot would be "closer to \$3,000."

The holdup was the second in four days. Monday two men robbed a downtown branch of the Toronto-Dominion Bank of \$150.

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