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Will He or Won't He?

What a fuss a few words from persons in public life can stir up. When Senator Margaret Chase Smith told Republican women she hoped Eisenhower would run again but wouldn't blame him if he didn't, it produced a fuming spill among GOP bigwigs, especially when Roy Roberts of the Kansas City Star said after a visit with the President that he thought Ike would prefer not to run.

Why not look back four years! You will recall the agitation and apprehension over whether Eisenhower would or would not run for President. The signs accumulated that he would—and he did. Now there are really no signs as to what his intentions are. His last word was that he hadn't given the matter much consideration and would tell reporters what his decision would be later on. We think it is still safe to assume he will run again. The purported delights of Gettysburg may be attractive; but few men relinquish power voluntarily after they have exercised it. Moreover, Eisenhower has a high sense of public duty, and the steady dinning in his ear that the country, not to say the GOP, needs him for another four years will have an effect just as similar pleas did prior to the convention of 1952.

What might cause him to lay down the burden of office (aside from imperative demands of health of himself or his wife) would be a sense of fulfillment. If the USSR and the West really come to decent terms for co-existence, then Eisenhower might feel he could bow out safely. You can put in a pig's eye all those who anticipate such a deal with Russia. So we have little fear that come 1957 Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower will patronize that "Gettysburg Address" which the Democrats have been slyly urging on him for some months.

The strike against Southern Bell Telephone lasted for 68 days, the longest in history against an AT&T subsidiary. Both sides are said to have "made concessions" in the progress of negotiations. Perhaps if they had made them earlier the strike could have been avoided. That's the trouble with a strike: the issues still remain to be settled.

A former government inspector now admits he got a deep freeze from a concern interested in government contracts. He was ahead of some of the others who got deep freezes. His was full of meat.

Presbyterians whose general assembly is meeting in Los Angeles want a ban to be put on atomic warfare. Okay, but who will police the ban?

Neuberger Originates Coon Debate Plan; Latter Strikes Back at 'Keep-Away' Solons

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent
WASHINGTON (Special) — The prospective debate between Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) and Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) on the question of Coon's John Day dam "partnership" bill was born in the mind of Neuberger along with a lingering doubt that Coon really knew what he was proposing for the big John Day River dam.

It all began many weeks ago when a lobbyist at Salem for one of the private power companies handed out copies of a speech he said Congressman Coon had delivered in Congress that day in conjunction with introducing the John Day "partnership" bill.

As it turned out, Coon hadn't made the speech that day or introduced the bill. Over a week later, however, he did make it on April 21 and unveiled the new John Day proposal. Simultaneously in Portland, officials of three utility companies, Pacific Power and Light, Portland General Electric and Washington Water Power, announced details of the scheme under which they would put up the cost of the power investment in the multi-purpose project as provided in Coon's bill.

The highly complex bill and a section-by-section analysis, together with Coon's speech, were handed out to reporters here by a representative of one of the power companies, indicating clearly they had not been prepared by the congressman from Baker.

When Neuberger came out against the new "partnership" bill, Coon struck back with a prepared statement in which he called Neuberger and Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) "Oregon's keep-away senators." He charged the Democrats, who want the federal government to build John Day, with trying to block construction of the project "to use it as a political issue in their 1956 campaign."

Neuberger became convinced that Coon wasn't the author of his own press releases but was having them written for him, which led him to wonder whether Coon knew what he was talking about concerning John Day dam. He de-

vised the way to find out was challenge him to a debate.

"It seems to me the public is entitled to facts and not to epithets and name-calling," Neuberger told Coon in a letter bearing his challenge.

When the Pendleton Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Ontario chamber jumped in with invitations to both lawmakers, and both accepted, the debate was set. Coon suggested one reservation—that if the bill has been enacted into law by fall, it will be a moot question for public debate. Even the congressman concedes, however, that it would take a miracle to speed it through both chambers before the summer adjournment. No hearings have been held yet on the bill in the House, and no one has introduced it in the Senate where Neuberger and Morse have vowed to fight it.

When Neuberger suggested that it looked like Coon was trying to dodge his challenge, Coon declared: "I'll be glad to meet him anytime, any place, at any crossroads in eastern Oregon."

Neuberger, who writes his own speeches but doubts that Coon does, said he was gratified that the prospects are good for the face-to-face debate being held.

"We'll get him out in the middle of the ring, away from his handlers, and then see how he does," declared Neuberger.

Both Coon and Neuberger say their debate will be limited to the eastern side of the Cascades, the district Coon represents in the House. All the state needs to complete the picture would be a western Oregon series of debates between Morse and Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.).

Ellsworth came out punching at Morse and Neuberger even before Coon, calling their hard and fast stand in behalf of federal power development a "reactionary" attitude. He, too, is sponsoring a "partnership" bill for Cougar and Green Peter dams which is opposed by Morse and Neuberger. Though they often exchange political potshots through press releases, Morse and Ellsworth have never debated face-to-face.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Carrying war of nerves with capitalist nations too far, commies are sucking lice and those which are parasites of birds are biting lice."

Mountains East and West

Salem folk know George P. LaBorde as an investment broker and as an enthusiastic member of the Chemeketans, outdoor hiking club. Now they must get acquainted with him as author. From the Vantage Press, New York, comes a copy of his "The Heavens Declare," a neatly-printed, cloth-bound book of nearly 100 pages. It really divides into two parts: Mountains east and mountains west, with the second World War in between.

Born in Salem, Mass., LaBorde seems early in life to have been attracted to the White Mountains of New Hampshire—the Baldfaces, Mt. Clinton, Mt. Garfield to the west, and then to the Adirondacks in northern New York. After the war he moved to Salem, Ore., which is near the higher mountains of the western ranges. His descriptions range from the Tetons to Mt. Whitney and to Mt. Baker and the Olympics. He writes in very readable style which reflects his deep sympathy with Nature and its wondrous works. His closing paragraph reads:

"Mountaineers learn that the inconvenience of fatigue is quickly forgotten. Memory retains most vividly the radiance of dawn, the exaltation of the summit, and the whisperings of the Illimitable."

That is the spirit of the book, and it supplies the explanation of why men, and women, too, toil up mountainsides to the summit, and then come down again.

Walter Dry, superintendent of the state school for the blind, is one of those able yet very practical educators whose work, because of its nature, doesn't get widespread recognition. Now the Oregon Council for the Blind has awarded him a plaque. It is a testimony of the high regard held for him personally and for his leadership in education of the blind by those who keep in close touch with work for the sightless.

As more anti-polio vaccine is cleared for use the doctors are getting ready to Salk it to 'em, the school children, we mean.

Editorial Comment

SHADOWS

Shadows is back, a little slicker and a little less outspoken than it used to be. Shadows is the magazine put out at 2905 State St., Salem, home of the state penitentiary. It had ceased publication as part of the new warden's "tightening up" program. Now, subdued, it's back.

It is edited, we note, by a former newsman who was unfortunately given to exercising his talent for fiction on his checkbook. He's putting out a good little magazine, serious in spots and humorous in spots with that grim humor that only a person behind the 30-foot wall really understands.

Gone, however, are the gripes about parole practices which were once the stock-in-trade of Shadows. An editor's note invites inmates to contribute, but warns them that their gripes about how rough they're being treated are not wanted. The man behind bars, says the note, should have thought about the rigorous prison life before he got sent up. And, it adds, it will be something for him to think about when he gets out.

We're glad to see the publication back, even without the frankness that characterized it under the previous prison administration. Prison publications, we believe, shed a great deal of light on the prison problem generally. And of course the more loosely supervised they are, the more light they shed. However, as the new warden told us a year ago when we discussed Shadows with him, the magazine is primarily for the inmates, not for do-gooders on the outside.

—Eugene Register Guard

Reds Probing Methods of Dividing West

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Foreign News Analyst

This will be a summer of intense diplomatic activity at high levels. While this may have a tendency in the West to deflect attention from what is going on elsewhere, the Russians will be exploring every possibility, however remote, for dividing the Western camp.

A number of recent developments testify to this. One is the attitude of the Russians in Berlin on the Western appeal for Moscow's intervention on the road tax issue.

Another is a new pronouncement by Maurice Thorez, secretary general of the French Communist Party, which lays down the line frequently for European Communists.

In Berlin, the West asked the Russians to step in and prevent "blackmail" taxes on vital truck traffic to and from West Berlin, an isolated island in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Soviet Ambassador Georgi Pushkin shrugged off the plea.

He told his Western counterparts the exorbitant taxes imposed by the Communists seven weeks ago were solely the responsibility of the German Peoples Democratic Republic. That government is a Soviet puppet.

The Russian move is logical enough. Recently the Communists put forward the slogan "Germans must sit around the same table together." The Communists are trying to force recognition of their East Zone government by obliging the federal republic at Bonn to negotiate with it.

Once the ice is broken, the implications on other issues, too, including all-German elections and reunification of Germany.

That does not mean that the Communists intend to permit free elections, but it does mean that they are attempting to use the promise as a means of slowing down West Germany's contribution to NATO, of which it recently became a member.

The West German Social Democrats and representatives of the powerful West German trade unions have been demanding that all possible avenues toward reunification be explored before West Germany is rearmend. The offer of such an avenue could mean long delay.

In France the Communist Party Central Committee has just held an important session at which tactics for the new European campaign were polished up. This foreshadows an attempt by Communists to participate once again in the French and Italian governments.

The two countries are targets no less important than Germany in the drive to break up Western unity.

European Communists recognize they have no hope at this time of accomplishing their aims by revolutionary methods. They are reviving the idea of legal, parliamentary action. And Communists are ordered to woo the Socialists and all elements of the left into a popular front.

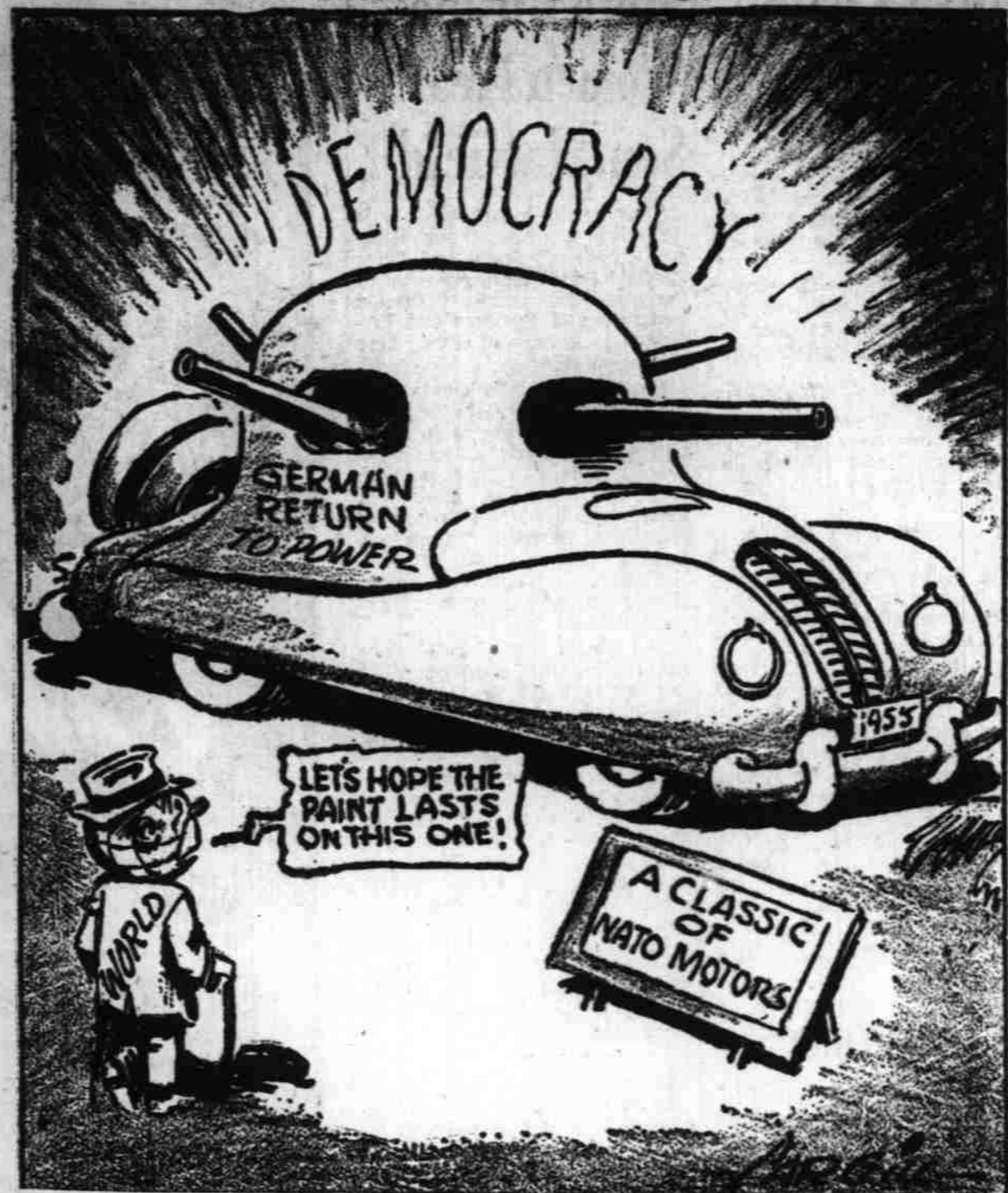
The Communists, at Moscow's direction, have revived the line of 20 years ago, when the U.S.S.R. stood in awe of the growing menace of the Berlin-Tokyo-Rome axis.

Then the cry was for a "popular front against fascism." Now it is for a "united front of the working class against war policies and atomic war preparations."

The Soviet Union is playing for a vital need: time to build up its potential and mend its economic woes. Obviously, Moscow now fears that by the time such tasks are accomplished, Western unity will be so solid that the huge Red buildup will be insufficient to halt a rollback in Europe.

In most cases, the lice which are parasites of mammals are sucking lice and those which are parasites of birds are biting lice.

SPRING SHOWING!



Time Flies

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10 Years Ago

May 23, 1945

Bond sales realized through the marionette shows of Beulah Wilson's 5th grade room of Englewood school totaled more than \$4300. Nearly 400 parents and friends attended.

Mrs. R. M. Koenig, Route 5, Salem, who had seven sons in the service, was presented a certificate by the Salem Chapter No. American War Mothers and was made an honorary member of the organization.

Harry Hopkins arrived by plane at Moscow on a special mission for President Harry Truman. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins were greeted by Vishinsky.

25 Years Ago

May 23, 1930

Dr. James A. B. Scherber, director of the Southwest Museum, announced the finding in Gypsum Cave, Nevada, of additional evidence that pre-historic man roamed the American continent probably 20,000 years ago.

Ed Rostein led the field for appointment to the water commission to administer the affairs of Salem's municipal water system.

John Steelquist, 17, of University High School, Eugene, was selected to represent Oregon in the Thomas A. Edison scholarship contest in West Orange, N.J.

40 Years Ago

May 23, 1915

King Alfonso of Madrid offered the Escorial Palace to Pope Benedict as a residence in case the pontiff decided to leave Italy during the war.

To prove his faith in the wisdom of using Salem-made products, Louis A. Lupton, advertising manager of Meyers store, recently installed in his office a desk made by Tillman Perizzo, student in the manual training department of Salem High School.

Since Gov. Withycombe became Oregon's chief executive and put the brakes on the use of the pardoning power, the population at the State Penitentiary had grown to 498.

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

CONSUMPTION RECORD

JOHNSTON, Pa. — At Memorial Hospital children were treated in one 24 hour period for swallowing too much cough syrup, a larger number of aspirin tablets, iodine and bleach.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb. (UP) — Merchants hope repeal of a 70-year-old ordinance prohibiting billiard parlors here will spur business. The shopkeepers figure that with men spending more time playing pool or billiards women will keep busy in the stores until time to go home with their husbands.

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Possible Easing of Military Pressure Seen by Ike Aide

BLAINE, Wash. (AP) — Nelson Rockefeller says he thinks that indications the Soviets are changing their tactics means that free countries may devote more time to helping more dormant countries through what he calls an awakening period.

Rockefeller, a special assistant to President Eisenhower, spoke to a record gathering of 24,000 persons at the annual International Peace Arch celebration at this Canadian-U. S. border town Sunday.

"We may be on the eve of a new situation in world affairs in which the strictly military pressures of Communist imperialism may be lessened," Rockefeller said.

"It may be a period where we can and should apply on the international front our precious spirit of flexibility and boldness, inspired by our fundamental belief in human progress."

He said Sunday's Blaine meeting should be attended by leaders of all nations to demonstrate how two nations can live in harmony.

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