

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

Last Friday night Miss Margaret Truman substituted for Edward R. Murrow for his weekly televised interview with famous personalities. She was able to select a couple very lately in high station: her parents, former President and Mrs. Harry S. Truman, with the camera viewing and the microphone interviewing them in their home in Independence. Quite a remarkable performance it was, giving the American people a view of a man who had emerged from among them, risen to the highest office in the gift of the people, and then returned to familiar scenes and surroundings, stripped of power to be sure, but free also of responsibilities of office.

Miss Margaret of course could converse with them on most intimate terms. One thing she asked her father to relate was about one of his experiences in the White House. He was awakened one morning about three o'clock with a rap on his bedroom door. He arose, opened the door, and there was no one there. He remarked that it may have been "Lincoln's ghost."

That remark was indeed revealing. For every one called on to tenant the White House since 1865 must "feel" the presence of the Great Emancipator. He may feel also the presence of others who have lived for a term within its walls: tough-willed Old Hickory, Andrew Jackson, the dignified McKinley, the dour Coolidge, the robust Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, the experimentalist. Of them all the immancence of Lincoln must be most pervasive. Every President lives in his shadow, sharing something of the burden which he carried, aspiring to preserve the Union which was his supreme task.

The same is true of this Memorial Day. It is invested with the memory of Abraham Lincoln—and of Grant and Sherman and Sheridan and Logan and of the boys in blue who in four bitter years of war confirmed Lincoln's resolution to save the Union. Though the Day very properly is expanded to include a tribute to the dead of all our wars, and is hallowed to the memory of loved ones whose life span is ended, still its links are primarily with the Civil War. It is a day of recognition of the principle for which Daniel Webster plead: "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable"; and of those whose sacrifices preserved the Union in the 1860s and have preserved it in all its subsequent trials. In their memory we bow our heads in tribute.

### Infant Dies After Blow From Father

PORTLAND (AP)—A month-old baby boy, who police said was struck by his enraged father, died in a Portland hospital Sunday. The death of the infant, Randolph R. Johnson, was caused by a blow on the head, the coroner's office reported. Police said the father, Earl R. Johnson, 29, had admitted in a signed statement, that on May 21 he became angry at the baby's fussing and struck it on the side of its head with his fist. The baby had convulsions two days later and was taken to a hospital. The father was booked in the county jail on an assault charge. Bail of \$5,000 was set.

### Temperance Official Hits Gobel Show

SANFORD, Maine (AP)—The executive director of the National Temperance League said Sunday that television comedian George Gobel should "apologize to the National Safety Council." In a sermon at the Springvale Baptist Church, Maj. Clayton Wallace of Wolfeboro, N.H., and Washington, said: "On this Memorial Day weekend with a predicted death toll on the highways of 360 persons and when the Safety Council is urging people to drive safely, George Gobel at the end of his show last night told people they could buy happiness. He advised them to go out then or today and buy a fifth. "It seems to us that such advice at a time like this is worthy of an apology to the National Safety Council."

HOLIDAY TAKES TOLL  
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Traffic accidents have taken five lives, drowning claimed three others, and fumes from a pleasure cruiser are blamed for another death on the Memorial Day holiday in Washington state.

ANIMAL CRACKERS  
BY WARREN GOODRICH  
\$3.30  
"So Davey Crockett killed him a h'ar when he was only 3—when I was only 3..."

## Salem Flag Salutes War Dead



A breeze whips the U. S. flag into a Memorial Day salute to the nation's veterans of all wars at City View Cemetery in Salem. Young Salem visitor Denny Blanchard of Portland, at the cemetery to help his grandfather decorate graves, pauses to look at the headstone of an Indian War volunteer in the cemetery's Civil War circle. Individual flags had been placed on graves of all known war veterans by Salem veteran organizations. (Statesman Photo by Thomas G. Wright Jr.)

### Parade to Highlight Memorial Services

Highlighting the observance of Memorial Day in Salem today will be a parade through downtown streets, beginning at 10:30 a. m. in the Capitol Mall area. All state, county, federal and school offices will be closed, as will be most stores and plants. The weather forecast indicates a cloud canopy for the parade, but little likelihood of any rain. Featured in the parade will be marchers from Salem's patriotic orders, the Salem Junior Saddle Club, reserve groups and six bands. Service recruiting men will be grand marshals.

#### Parade Route

Parade route is west on Cheeketa Street from the mall to Cottage Street; south on Cottage to State; west on State to Liberty, with reviewing stand in front of J. C. Penney's store; down Liberty to Court; east on Court to High and the Marion County Courthouse, where a program will be held on the west steps. Presiding will be Dave Hoss; guest speaker will be Walter Winslow, Salem attorney; the Rev. Wynne Greene of the First Christian Church will give invocation; and the Rev. James Kratz of South Salem Church of the Nazarene will present the benediction.

#### Cemetery Service

Preceding this ceremony, there will be services at 9 a. m. at the Civil War Monument in City View Cemetery, and at Marion Street ramp at the same hour where wreaths will be dropped from the span to the Willamette River below in honor of Navy and Marine war dead. The latter service will be sponsored by Salem chapter of Navy Mothers. Salem Federation of Patriotic Orders, meanwhile, announces that flags for veterans' graves will be available at all city cemeteries. Many will flock to the coast today to see the Fleet of Flowers at Depoe Bay, beginning at 2 p. m. State Sen. Mark Hatfield will speak.

#### Heavy Traffic

While traffic was on the heavy side Sunday on all major highway routes in the area, state police reported no serious accidents.

### THE WEATHER

Locality	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	69	52	trace
Portland	65	52	02
Baker	70	51	09
Medford	70	53	00
North Bend	57	50	07
Roseburg	72	49	00
New Francisco	64	50	00
Chicago	65	53	00
New York	84	61	trace
Los Angeles	68	59	00
Willamette River	1.8	feet	

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy night and morning hours with scattered showers and partly cloudy afternoon through Tuesday; continued cool with highest today near 70, lowest tonight near 46. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 46.

SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1  
This Year Last Year Normal  
30.56 42.08 27.73

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## 231 Die in Holiday Smashups

### CIO Tempers Guaranteed Wage Demand

DETROIT (AP)—Revision of the Ford Motor Co.'s "package" offer and an adjustment in the CIO United Auto Workers' guaranteed annual wage demand emerged from contract negotiations Sunday as the two sides met in an emergency session to head off an impending strike of 140,000 Ford employees.

The UAW reduced the amount it is asking for laid-off workers from its original demand of 100 per cent of take-home pay to 80 per cent of gross pay for a 40-hour week.

Ford, it was revealed for the first time, adjusted the phrasing of its separation pay proposal to assure the union that an employee leaving the company could receive separation pay without jeopardizing pension benefits.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p. m. (PST) and will resume at 10 a. m. Monday, Memorial Day.

Some observers viewed the re-phrasing of the severance pay clause as a concession to union demands. The company, however, insisted the revision only brought the offer in line with the company's original intention in its package offer made last Thursday.

Essentially, neither the company nor the union deviated from the principle of their original demands. There still was no indication that the company was willing to accept the principle of the guaranteed annual wage.

The union already has authorized a walkout after midnight Wednesday if contract talks fail.

### Red China to Free Four Yank Airmen

NEW DELHI (AP)—Indian diplomat V. K. Krishna Menon announced Monday that the Chinese Communists will release four American airmen within a few hours as a move toward relaxation of tension in the Far East.

Menon, Prime Minister Nehru's top adviser on foreign affairs, intimated to a news conference that other American airmen held by Peiping also might be freed soon.

### Delegates to Jersey Meet Gather Here

By LILLIE L. MADSEN  
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Delegates to the 87th annual convention of the American Jersey Cattle Club began registering at the Marion Hotel Sunday for the week-long session to be climaxed by Wednesday's business meeting.

Some 130 members from 28 states had registered by late Sunday and some of the delegates were attending committee meetings Sunday afternoon and evening.

The board of directors will swing into action Monday afternoon at 1 p. m. with another meeting scheduled for Monday night. D. T. Simons, Fort Worth, Tex., president of the national club, said that four changes in the constitution will be considered at the Wednesday business session.

One of the changes will authorize a shift from the \$500,000 holding permit to one of \$2,000,000. Assets of the association frequently run to \$1,000,000, Simons pointed out. Also to be considered will be a change in membership fee now set at \$50. Originally the fee was \$100, Simons said, with hopes now of bringing it down to \$25 and so greatly increasing the number of members.

Simons also reported that at Wednesday's meeting a president, three regional directors, and a director-at-large will be elected. He added, in answer to inquiry that he "feared" he was unopposed as candidate for president.

"It is usual," he explained, "that the president retain the position for a couple of terms, and I'm afraid no change in precedent will be made this time." Several visitors arrived Friday and Saturday and were taken for short tours around the Salem area Sunday. (Additional details, page 2.)

### Yakima Woman Wins Air Race

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Mrs. Gini H. Richardson of Yakima, Wash., Sunday night was announced as the winner of the second annual Hayward, Calif., to Tucson air race.

Flying a Cessna 120, she did the distance in 6:04.49 and had a handicap of plus 13.7.

The planes, which were handicapped according to horsepower and top speed, made stops at Bakersfield and Thermal, Calif., and Gila Bend, Ariz.

Mrs. Richardson wins a \$900 prize.

### Princess Bawled Out for Sneaking Into Stage Party

LONDON (AP)—They're telling this story around London's plushy Mayfair this weekend—and calling it the biggest social blunder of the year.

After last week's celebrity-studded first night of the play "The Reluctant Debutante," a theater official bawled out three young girls who clambered over the stage scenery to reach the backstage party.

"Get out," he bawled. "Get out and come in the right way."

The girls went, and a bystander whispered in the official's ear: "I suppose you know the one in the middle was Princess Alexandra."

Princess Alexandra, cousin of Queen Elizabeth, is ninth in line to the British throne.

### Truck Tieup Shuts Down Chrysler Plant

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The 11-day-old trucking tie-up in 11 Western states has caused Chrysler Corp. to shut down its assembly plant here, idling 4,800 workers, the company manager said Sunday.

The plant is West Coast assembly center for Chrysler, Dodge, De Soto and Plymouth automobiles. It turns out about 450 cars a day. Studebaker-Packard Corp. stopped operations at its nearby Vernon plant last Wednesday, also because of the strike.

The trucking strike-lockout started when the AFL Temestars Union struck three companies. Trucking associations hit back with an 11-state shutdown. Industry spokesmen say the tie-up has affected 100,000 drivers, dockmen and other workers.

The union has been demanding 10 cents more now and 8 cents additional in each of the next two years. Base pay for Western long-haul drivers is now \$2.14 an hour or 7 1/2 cents a mile, whichever is greater.

#### Five in Oregon

A Central Oregon traffic death Sunday raised the Memorial Day weekend accident toll in the state to five.

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The other two men were treated for injuries at The Dalles hospital. Two were killed in Portland crashes, Paul Murray, 19, Eugene, and Nicholas Freund, 20, Portland. Murray was riding in a car that collided with a truck. Freund was struck by a car while crossing a street.

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The race will not be televised but Salem radio station KGAE will carry the complete race, starting at 7:45 a. m. (Details on sports pages.)

### Mother, Four Children Die Of Exposure

GERALDINE, Mont. (AP)—A 23-year-old mother and her four children, ranging in age from nine months to five years, were found dead in a coolie near this Central Montana community Sunday morning.

Discovery of their bodies climaxed a grim search by more than 100 men by airplane, horseback and on foot.

Sheriff Jack Bradley of Choteau County said he believes the five died of exposure.

Dead are Mrs. Alice Phillips and her four children—Mary, 4, Cary, 3, Clifford, 18 months, and William, 5 months.

Bradley placed their death at Thursday night during a heavy rainstorm about seven miles from their home in rolling country near the Missouri River.

Mrs. Phillips and the children had been missing since Thursday. Bradley said her 34-year-old husband, Howard Phillips, told him he went to Geraldine Thursday to get groceries. When Phillips returned to his small ranch his wife and children were not at home.

Bradley quoted Phillips as saying he started to search for his family by horseback.

Phillips did not notify authorities of his family's disappearance until Saturday afternoon.

Bradley and the Geraldine marshal, Ed Fuller, immediately organized a searching party.

Bradley said he could find no explanation as to why Mrs. Phillips bundled up her four children and set out on foot from her small ranch home.

### Chinook Pass Still Closed

OLYMPIA (AP)—Chinook Pass, leading across the Cascade Mountains toward Yakima, still was closed Sunday, after snowslides battered at three automobiles Saturday afternoon.

The State Patrol at Olympia reported that rain, fog and slush hampered efforts by highway crews to reopen the pass. Curious motorists were warned from the area.

### Neighbor Suspicious of Slot Machines

EL MONTE, Calif. (AP)—A big moving van rolled up in front of Mrs. Patricia Shedley's home Saturday. The driver unloaded 11 slot machines.

Suspicious neighbors wondered whether a gambling casino was being opened. Sheriff's vice squad officers arrived.

Van driver David Diaz, 29 explained: "In Bremerton, Wash., he had loaded Mrs. Shedley's furniture for transport here, in Tacoma the van picked up the slot machines for delivery in Las Vegas, Nev."

To get Mrs. Shedley's furniture out of the van, Diaz and his helper had to remove the one-armed bandits first.

"How was I supposed to know it's against the law to haul the machines through California?" he asked.

The deputies confiscated the one-armed bandits and cited Diaz for illegal possession of slot machines.

### Slaying Suspect Back From Alaska



Back in Marion County jail Sunday was Casper Oveross, Silverton, returned here from Fairbanks, Alaska, to face a first degree murder indictment in the Feb. 17 gun slaying of Ervin Kaser, Evergreen community hop farmer. Here Oveross listens to instructions from Marion County Sheriff Denver Young as he is being booked Sunday morning. Sheriff Young and Sgt. Wayne Huffman of State Police brought Oveross from Fairbanks where he turned himself in ten days ago. (Statesman Photo.)

### Oregon's Toll Climbs to 5 For Weekend

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The toll of dead on the nation's highways spurted upward Sunday night with two-thirds of the Memorial Day weekend past.

At midnight (EST), 54 hours from the start of the 78-hour holiday period at 6 p. m. local time Friday, a total of 330 persons met their deaths from accidental causes. Of these, 231 died in traffic, 73 by drowning and 29 by miscellaneous accidents.

The highway death toll was running about 10 per cent ahead of last year's rate. The 1954 total was 362, one under the record which occurred in 1952.

The National Safety Council had predicted that the three-day holiday would take 360 lives in highway traffic this year, and Sunday night council President Ned H. Dearborn feared the total might equal or surpass that figure.

The council warned that the worst hours of the holiday were yet to come as motorists started homeward from weekend trips to friends and resort areas.

Traffic deaths for the three-day Memorial period in 1949 totaled 253. The record number of traffic deaths for a three-day Memorial weekend was 363 in 1952.

Last year, the traffic toll for the holiday was 362. The overall 1954 Memorial Day weekend accident cost was 539 lives, of which 93 were lost in drownings and 84 in miscellaneous accidents.

A survey of accident deaths for a three-day, 78 hour, weekend period earlier this month — from 6 p. m. Friday, May 13, to midnight Monday May 16 — recorded 446 accidental deaths in the nation: 294 in traffic, 58 in drownings, and 94 miscellaneous.

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### French Kill Eight Rebels

PARIS (AP)—French troops killed eight armed rebels in Southern Algeria and arrested 200 members of a terrorist organization in Morocco in measures authorities said Sunday were aimed at putting down violence in turbulent North Africa.

It was apparent that the French were making an all out effort to convince Moslem populations in areas of North Africa under French administration that sufficient forces could be amassed to put down ruthlessly, if necessary, any uprisings.

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