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Hoover Power Report

The second Hoover commission has wound up its work and filed its reports. In accord with the law which created it the body's legal existence expired June 30th. This commission had a purpose distinct from that of the first commission. The latter studied the machinery of government and recommended plans for reorganization in the interest of economy and efficiency. Many of its proposals were adopted.

The task of the second Hoover commission was to study government functions, testing their need and value in the light of prevailing conditions. Naturally its reports on this subject touched more "live nerves." Vested interests become established in government as well as private business and it is hard to dislodge them. The summary of the commission's reports showed that applying its recommendations would speedily result in balancing the national budget. Congress, however, has been exceedingly slow to implement any of these recommendations.

Time will be needed for the full study of the Hoover reports. This applies to the one of federal power projects, with particular reference to the Northwest. The full commission did not accept all the findings of its task force working in this field, and they will need to be reviewed as well.

The most significant recommendation was that a public power corporation take over the power development in the Pacific Northwest, which would relieve the federal government of this responsibility. This has been urged by the Oregonian, but so far has met with little support outside of the public power bodies. While there are many problems that would need to be worked out, this line of attack would surely bring results and perhaps end the present stalemate on major power development.

The finding of the commission was adverse to the idea of selling the federal dams and powerhouses. It was correct in noting that the dams "perform highly important services to irrigation, navigation and flood control which much remain federal responsibilities."

A more radical suggestion is that tolls be charged for commercial use of Columbia river waterways and locks built or improved at federal expense. This will not be popular. Logic may justify imposing tolls, just as it denies the justice of so much government aid to commercial airlines, but river navigation has traditionally been toll-free, and there seems small chance for a change in this respect.

One forthright recommendation of the task force was the cancellation of the so-called preference clause as it affects federal power projects. As things have developed this clause seems positively inequitable. In practice it cannot be applied in the Northwest under the popling plan, and public power bodies recognize that fact. It has become a shibboleth however, so sacred its removal would be met with great resistance, even to the point of demagoguery.

It remains to be seen what fruit the second Hoover commission really will produce. It has been generous with ideas, but in the prevailing political climate many will be found unpalatable.

A trans-Atlantic plane managed to make it to Gander, Newfoundland, so a woman passenger could give birth to triplets in a hospital. This is the first time in recorded history that a Gander beat a stork.

Aggressors Defeat Defenders of Equal Strength in A-War, Military Experts Say

By J. M. ROBERTS
AP News Analyst

Military experts have deduced from atom-bombing exercises conducted by the North Atlantic Alliance in Europe that, actual strength being equal, the aggressor will defeat the defender every time.

A Hoover Commission report says the United States' Central Intelligence Agency is not producing sufficient information about what Russia is up to.

Taken together, those statements are shocking, but less of a condemnation of CIA than they may sound at first.

CIA is, to oversimplify, two things. It is the nation's "cloak and dagger" corps, and it is the assessor and coordinator of intelligence obtained by the armed services and the FBI. It is responsible for giving the President, the National Security Council and other executives agencies enough information about what's going on in the world to let them do the job of national defense properly.

The most serious charges by the commission are not against the agency, but against the atmosphere in which it works, especially that part of the atmosphere provided by the State Department.

It has been accepted that espionage into Russian affairs is extremely difficult and, in some particulars, practically impossible. The commission report makes a point of how much better the totalitarians defend themselves against espionage than does the United States.

But there is one thing which I think most Americans felt. It was that the last war cured the squeamishness with which the United States approached spying. The value of Britain's great intelligence service, and the dangers of being without one, had become too obvious.

But the squeamishness isn't gone,

the report says in effect. The CIA still has to operate against diplomatic holdbacks.

The inference is that the United States is relying more on kid-glove and top hat operations than on cloaks and daggers. The further inference is that, at least partly because of this, the job isn't being done as well as it could be, even allowing for all the other difficulties.

Only a part of the commission's report has been made public. See

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

July 1, 1945

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., resigned as secretary of the treasury at Washington, D. C., after 11½ years in the office. He remained secretary until President Truman returned from the big three conference near Berlin.

Sgt. Earnest J. Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Page, Salem, returned home, in civvies—for the first time in almost six years. Page was a member of the 75th Division in the Aleutians.

The Rev. George H. Swift made his 18th talk on the San Francisco Conference at the Salem Credit association luncheon.

25 Years Ago

July 1, 1920

Little three-year-old Shirley Schoettler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schoettler, was judged the prettiest child in a contest held at the Hollywood theater. There were 100 contestants.

President Hoover's first full fiscal year in office was completed with a surplus of \$184,000,000 in the treasury and a re-

duction of \$746,000,000 in the gross public debt.

Senator and Mrs. McNary had written friends in Salem that they would arrive home from Washington, D. C., the middle of July to spend the summer at their home on the North River Road, north of Salem.

40 Years Ago

July 1, 1915

Employees and workmen of Oregon saved approximately \$60,000 in contributions to the State Industrial Accident fund this month, as a result of the excellent financial condition in which the Accident commission found itself after 20 months' existence.

Cecil Leroy Edwards and his pony "Trinket," won second prize as the best feature in cowboy or Indian suit class in the baby parade of the Cherry Fair being held in Salem.

Frank Holt, a former Cornell University instructor, attempted to assassinate J. P. Morgan at his summer home at East Isle, N. Y., and confessed he was the man that set the bomb which exploded in the U. S. Capitol at Washington, D. C.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It was a lotta fun, Mom! ... Otis' mother was the life of the party with her child psychology!"

It Seems To Me

(Continued from page one)

warm greeting with triumphal arches, a parade, a formal welcome at the State House where a specially written ode was sung by a select choir.

At Boston, Washington gave an instruction both in protocol and in political science to Governor John Hancock. Hancock was ill with the gout but sent word that he would "receive" a visit from President Washington at his home.

Washington didn't rush over, however. He wanted to impress Hancock and the rest of the President outranked governors, and was the one to be waited on first. When Lieut. Gov. Samuel Adams and two of the executive council called to explain Gov. Hancock's failure to call Washington made his point clear. As he wrote:

"I informed them in explicit terms that I would not see the Governor unless it was at my lodgings." (He was stopping at the widow Ingalls'.)

It ended when Hancock called and they had a cup of tea together. (Evidently Gov. Sylvester Pennoyer of Oregon didn't heed the instruction Washington gave to Hancock, for when President Harrison visited Oregon Pennoyer refused to meet him at the state border, saying the President could find him at his office in Salem.)

Washington reached New York on his return on Nov. 13th.

Carrying out his plan for another trip through the new Union Washington spent three months in 1791 touring the South. This trip started from his home in Mt. Vernon though the seat of government had been moved to Philadelphia. It was made in a state coach with Martha Washington accompanying him. He visited cities in North and South Carolina and Savannah and Augusta in Georgia.

Still another trip was made during his service as President, this time to the "West." There had been troubles in the "West" chief of which was the Whiskey rebellion in Western Pennsylvania. Washington had sent a body of militia under Gov. Henry Lee of Virginia and it had quickly snuffed out the resistance to federal authority in collection of the excise tax on whiskey. Later that same year, 1794, Washington went from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, Williamsport and other Pennsylvania points (not as far as Pittsburgh, however, where he had gone as a young Virginia officer before the French and Indian Wars.) He also visited points in Maryland and Virginia before returning to the then capital.

Undoubtedly these visits were helpful to cement relations between the people and their new constitutional government. Washington himself was universally respected, until radical politicians became abusive and his prestige contributed much to solidify the government.

Likewise, today it is an event of importance for the President of the United States to visit a community. It still helps to bind the country together.

Speaking of presidential trips, it used to be the rule for the president never to leave this country. I believe President Taft was the first to break the rule by crossing the border into Mexico. President Wilson really shattered tradition, however, when he went to Europe for the peace conference after World War I.

President Roosevelt and Truman also went abroad, and now President Eisenhower is scheduled to go to Geneva next month for the Big Four conference. No longer are journeys made by horse-drawn coach, and even railroad trains are too slow for long trips. Airplanes enable the chief executive to reach any point within the space of a few hours. Eisenhower used the "Columbine" to go to New England, but there he met and mingled with the people in a friendly way, and New Englanders gave him a warm welcome.

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Rizouka Named To Census Board

Gov. Patterson Thursday appointed Ivan Rizouka, Portland, to the State Census Board. He succeeds Lewis G. Pritchard, Portland.

The governor also appointed E. Stanley Goodell to the Post of Portland Commission, succeeding the late Capt. Clyde G. Raabe.

Jury Defends Conviction of Fong Couple

PORTLAND (AP)—Conviction of a Portland couple of first degree murder was defended Wednesday night in a statement issued by members of the jury after a judge had accused them of failing to give "mature consideration" to the case.

Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson granted a new trial to the convicted pair, Wey Him and Sherry Fong, who were found guilty last April 29 of first degree murder by the jury after two hours and 51 minutes deliberation.

But the statement by some of the jurors disputed the statement made by Dobson that the jurors failed to discharge their duties as instructed.

The statement was issued after a meeting of four of the jurors, including E. Dan Fitzgerald, Jr., foreman. One of the four, Mrs. Carolyn A. Ginter, said all other members of the jury, except two, were contacted by telephone and subscribed to the statement.

One of the two could not be reached. The other, Wilfred Elliott, gave an affidavit earlier to Irvin Goodman, attorney for the Fongs, in which he said the jury had reached its decision without considering the evidence thoroughly.

Mrs. Ginter said no attempt was made to contact Elliott because the others held his position has been made known through his affidavit.

Standards End For Potato Containers

Potatoes now can be sold in any type and size containers, the Oregon Department of Agriculture announced Thursday.

The department, following public hearings, has wiped out all standards for potato containers. However, state labeling requirements still are in effect.

Frank McKenney, plant division chief of the department, says the order will let Oregon potato shippers adjust quickly to changes in consumer packaging preferences.

Lack of License Brings Sentence

A 10-day suspended jail sentence and six months' probation were given a Salem driver Thursday because he allegedly has driven here 11 years without obtaining a driver license.

Joseph Yale Kleppel, 30, Rt. 2, Box 206B, was cited to court by state police when he was stopped on highway 99E in Woodburn on June 22. Judge E. O. Stadter Jr. also imposed a \$10 fine.

Ray Smith Heads Tax Commission

Ray Smith, member of the Oregon State Tax Commission for approximately six years, Thursday was elected its chairman for the next 12 months.

Commissioner Carl Chambers was elected secretary. Third member of the commission is Sam Stewart. Smith is in charge of the state income tax division of the commission.

TO SEEK COUNCIL SEAT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Philippines Delegate Felixberto Serrano has announced his country will try for a two-year term on the Security Council this fall. Red Poland is expected to try for the same seat, now held by Turkey. Australia is expected to get the seat being vacated by New Zealand and Cuba the one held now by Brazil.

Living Costs Decline in Past Six Months

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Farm Editor, The Statesman

If you are going on a vacation or running a farm tractor this summer you are better off than you were a year ago, Elvera Horrell, extension agriculture economist said Thursday. In fact, you are three cents to the dollar better off.

Only 97 cents are needed to buy the same amount of gasoline this year that cost \$1 a year earlier.

Using the overall cost of living index as a yardstick, you can buy the same amount of living for your dollar now as you could last December. These past six months have been the most steady period in retail prices that has been witnessed for quite a spell, Miss Horrell reports. There have been some ups, but enough downs to offset the ups, she adds. If you are a good shopper you'll notice which are the ups and which are the downs, she cautions.

The drop in retail food prices in May was barely noticeable, but it was the first downturn since last December. Coffee prices came down for the fourth month in a row. Tea prices fell following a 13-month advance. Cereals and bakery products tilted down slightly for the first time in more than a year. There were better buys on poultry, eggs and beef — which were not so good for the farmer.

Potatoes and apples, in the overall picture did some advancing.

In clothing, it has been only the shoe that pinched this past six months. Most other clothing, a survey shows, says Miss Horrell, that could be had for \$1 a year ago, could be had for 99 cents this period. Higher leather prices have resulted in more costly shoes. The survey shows that even shoe repairs went up because of increases in costs of leather and rubber heels.

Added to the shoe business, one other item which doesn't make parents of a lot of sniffing, coughing youngsters who need medical aid feel better, is the medical care dollar. It costs you \$1.02 to get last year's dollar's worth of medical attention, Miss Horrell said Thursday.

Lawyer Wins Continuation Of Sentencing

SPOKANE (AP)—A young lawyer, who graduated from the University of Washington with honors and once served as clerk to Justice William O. Douglas of the United States Supreme Court, won a continuation of sentence Thursday.

Donald R. Colvin, 36, had been scheduled for sentencing to the penitentiary. The New York attorney, who once earned \$9,500 a year as counsel for a railroad, had pleaded guilty to four counts of grand larceny for passing \$400 in bad checks in Spokane. Sentence will be passed Aug. 4.

Judge Ralph P. Edgerton, who announced Wednesday he could not grant Colvin probation, said he was torn between a stiff sentence to make an example of the erring lawyer or leniency because of his good past record.

"I have no doubt there have been and will again be some lawyers who drink too much and some who have domestic problems," Judge Edgerton said, "but that doesn't excuse them for committing grand larceny."

Colvin had told the court he had taken to heavy drinking after domestic problems caused him to lose his railroad job.

Damage Suit Decision Near

A damage suit stemming from a 1953 traffic accident is expected to go to a Marion County Court jury sometime today.

Two defendants, Marcia and Philip Labar, who were named originally in the suit, were dropped as the result of an \$8,000 out-of-court settlement Wednesday.

Remaining defendants in the suit are the owner, Frances B. Kaufman, and the driver, Verlin Kaufman of one of the two cars in the accident.

The suit was brought by the guardian of Barbara Bauman, Woodburn High School girl, who was riding in the Labar car when the accident occurred. The complaint seeks \$40,000 general damages for injuries allegedly resulting from the accident.

The case is being heard by pro tem Judge Wesley Franklin.

George Washington laid the cornerstone of the present U. S. Capitol in 1793.

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By BRUCE KIPP

Staff Writer, The Statesman

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The Sunday race will have one entrant from each of the Guard's 23 jet equipped Fighter Wings. The race will start from Ontario International Airport in California and end at the International Aviation Exposition of the Aero Club in Detroit, Mich.

Silverton Man Injured When Tractor Tips

Joseph M. Cook, 52, of Silverton Wednesday suffered a possible leg fracture when a tractor rolled over on him at Oak Crest Farms on Wallace Road, Jay Brown of the Willamette Ambulance Co. reported.

Salem Memorial Hospital, to which Cook was taken, described Cook's condition as "good."

Brown said he understands that Cook was cutting grass with a sickle-bar attachment to the tractor, and that the rubber-tired vehicle slid down the bank and rolled when a front wheel struck a concealed washout.

The tractor, which rested on Cook's leg, was lifted off by others at the farm.

YM Camp Picks Top Wrestlers

YMCA day-camp championship wrestlers in the first week of the five-week program for younger boys were David Zeit, David Wagner, Randy Tomic and John Wellandt.

About 60 boys are participating in the camp activity with each Indian tribe entering contestants in the wrestling competition. Zeit was winner in the Indian leg wrestling contest; Wagner, balance wrestling; Tomic, rooster fighting; and Wellandt, arm wrestling.

Patterson to Visit Albany Festivities

Gov. Paul L. Patterson will spend part of Saturday morning at Albany participating in the Water Carnival parade which is a part of the July Fourth celebration there.

On Monday afternoon the governor will visit the St. Paul Redeo as a guest of the management. Patterson said he also hoped to visit the Molalla Nuckaroo.

Inspection Fees for Livestock Brands Cut

Livestock brand inspection fees will be 25 cents a head starting Friday, being a 5-cent reduction. At the same time, the State Agriculture Department will begin using a new series of stock brand inspection certificates.

Last year, there were more than 700,000 brand inspections of cattle in Oregon.

hearing any firecrackers," said he, pointing out that firing blank cartridges is illegal, too. State law allows big sparklers but like Salem law outlaws other fireworks except caps.

The last "Glorious Fourth" Salem had was in 1950.

That day city first aidmen made nine fireworks runs to treat 12 fingers and one thumb blasted by seven firecrackers, and two hands that got in the way of Roman candles.

Stands Blow Up

That July also, two fireworks stands at the city's north edge blew up, costing one proprietor \$3,000 in unsold stock and \$5,000 in paper money, according to his report to police.

Blamed for the loss of one stand was a "ladyfinger" which emitted sparks which ignited the stock. The other grand show was blamed on a pinwheel or buzz bomb—no one knew which or how.

A ladyfinger is a very small firecracker which often goes fuff-t—fuff—fuff—when it is lit.

Nobody was hurt in either of those traffic-snarlign exhibitions, but in 1948 a 17-year-old girl was severely burned when a customer touched a punk to a skyrocket which, in turn, ignited the stock at a Norway Street and Fairgrounds Road fireworks stand.

Traffic Accidents

The Fourth after that, traffic accidents brought the first aid car out twice; July 4, 1952, first aidman Allen K. Megquier took the car out of the house once to put 8½ gallons of gas in its tank.

First aid calls for Fourth's after that show nothing but the usual run of household and traffic accidents, fights and children's falls.

Tree Falls Expected

First-aidmen, contemplating nothing more serious than Fourth than traffic accidents on the holiday rush to the beach, see in the near future some 20 falls from cherry trees during the three weeks or so the cherries are ripe.

By and large, they claim, children bounce when they fall, but their elders break many bones when their ladders give way.

County GOP Group Hears State Official

Clyde Brumwell, executive secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, discussed plans for improving organization of precinct workers in Oregon at Thursday night's meeting of the Marion County Central Committee's executive group.

Brumwell will visit every county in Oregon during the year assisting in establishing effective precinct organizations. A report of the recent state central committee meeting in Portland was also given by Sid Schlesinger, chairman of the Marion County central committee.

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