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## La Prensa May Live Again

The air isn't clear enough yet to determine the course of Argentine politics but it seems possible one of the factors whose submergence which led to the dominance of the Peron dictatorship in the first place might be recovered, at least to some extent—a freedom of the press.

La Prensa, a venerable (86 years old) and respected daily newspaper, was crowded toward the wall for years by the Peron regime. Its newsprint was cut off, its offices attacked, its executives and other employees harassed and threatened, until in 1951 it was finally confiscated by the government whose totalitarian policies it opposed.

The newspaper's exiled publisher, Alberto Gainza Paz now in New York, is of the opinion the uprising in his homeland comprises an "expression of the Argentine people's desire for freedom" and that the "explosion" will not be "a change of one dictator to another." Time will disclose whether he's right and whether his properties are returned to him. If they are, and he is again unfettered in his coverage of governmental and other news, Argentina will have returned to a free state which is impossible under any government which declines to recognize the general public's right to know what's going on.

## Well-Earned Recognition

Safe driving certificates in material value may not amount to a great deal, but they carry with them a great deal of sincere appreciation, and those to whom they are awarded can feel a fine satisfaction in a job ably done.

Tomorrow night 27 of them are to be presented to drivers of Salem school buses for their accident-free records during the 1954-55 school year. A few other drivers did not quite attain the goal of perfection, but in no case last year was there a serious mishap and the entire group of bus pilots has earned the gratitude of hundreds of parents whose children were entrusted to them. They made a fine record.

Evaluation of records and subsequent recognition, carried on jointly by the Salem Insurance Agents' Association and the Salem School District is a worthy enterprise. May the good work continue.

It doesn't appear there'd ever be much agreement regarding that deep Snake River Canyon on the Oregon-Idaho border, even as to its spelling. The group which wants the federal government to build a dam there calls itself the Hell's Canyon Association. Idaho Power Company which believes private enterprise can best do the job spells it Hells Canyon, without the apostrophe. Maybe it could be glossed over like such words were 30 years ago, and called H—Canyon.

The weatherman must wish he had as sure a thing to forecast as school officials—increased enrollment.

## American Edge in Air Power Balance Being Rapidly Cut by Soviet Production

By JOSEPH ALSOP  
(Story also in Page 1)

WASHINGTON — The Killian committee's report that the Soviets will enjoy an important preponderance in intercontinental ballistic missiles from 1960 to 1965 is a judgment in relative strength, and not a judgment in absolute strength. But it is nonetheless significant for all that, as is shown by the committee's reported analysis of what may be called the phases of the Soviet-American power balance.

The first phase, which is definitely stated to be past, was the phase of unchallenged American superiority in strategic air power and atomic bombs. In this phase, the American bargaining position was greatly superior to the Soviet bargaining position in all international dealings.

The second phase, in which we now find ourselves, is a transitional phase. For the present, although the United States has long ago lost anything like unchallenged superiority, this country still has the edge in strength. Therefore this country still possesses some remaining bargaining advantage.

On the other hand, this American edge is constantly being narrowed by the improvements in the Soviet Strategic Air Force and Air Defense Command above noted. Perhaps in two years' time, the American edge will cease to exist altogether, if the edge does not then actually pass to the Soviets. The bargaining position, therefore, is changing and will continue to change for the worse in the present phase.

The emphasis on the relative bargaining positions of the contestants in the world power struggle is noteworthy. If authoritative reports are to be believed, the Killian Committee made no highly-colored forecasts that the Kremlin would launch a general war during the predicted period of the Soviet lead. Whichever side has the lead, general war will no doubt remain a fearful risk for both sides.

What is clearly expected, rather, is bold and determined Soviet exploitation of a superior bargaining position, whose very superiority, in turn, will cause a relatively feeble and uncertain American and free world response to the Kremlin's moves.

The Killian Committee's recommendations for altering the projection of Soviet and American curves of strength are not known in detail.

It is quite clear, however, that implementation of the Killian Committee's recommendations will necessitate a pretty sharp reversal of present fiscal and budgetary trends. A major intensification of the long-range guided missile effort, for instance, would show up primarily in the form of increases in the Air Force's Research and Development expenditures. This is because the intercontinental missile projects are within the province of the Air Research and Development Command.

America's air defenses are bound to be enormously costly if implemented. For these recommendations, the extremely able Robert Sprague of the Sprague Electric Company, the first Eisenhower candidate for Under Secretary of the Air Force, reportedly had the primary responsibility.

At present, both the day and night fighters of the American Air Defense Command are at least obsolete, if not actually obsolete, when measured against the new Soviet jet bombers, the "Bisons" and "Badgers." Hence a crash effort is required to produce the superior American F-102s and F-104s, which are now being received in very small trickles.

Moreover, although the so-called DEW line, or Distant Early Warning Line, is already being built in the Canadian Far North, no provision has as yet been made for Far Northern bases. There is nowhere to put aircraft and missiles which can respond to the DEW line's early warning, by knocking down attackers remote from their target.

Then again, there is a theoretical possibility of an anti-air missile with the range and speed to intercept and destroy intercontinental ballistic missiles before they re-enter the earth's atmosphere. An all-out, Manhattan District-style effort to produce such defensive missiles must begin in a small way, of course. But from the start, such an effort will constitute a commitment to an immense double burden in the future.

In short, if the projections of the Killian Report are correct, the report demands a series of distinctly painful choices. Furthermore, the time scale covered by the Killian Report's projections is very short, in terms of the slow process of weapons development and weapons production.

Hence, the choices cannot easily be delayed until next year or the year after. Putting off implementing the Killian Report's recommendations will be another way, in fact, of rejecting those recommendations. For the loss of time will mean the loss of opportunity to change the present Soviet and American strength curves.

By the same token the Killian Committee's recommendations for improvement in

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I'm appreciated there! . . . THAT'S why I waste my time at the Woman's Club! . . . They depend on me to second motions . . ."

## Comes the Dawn

Now that the State Fair has been refurled Fair officials have gone over the books and come up with this decision: Attendance was down but spending was up. Andy Anderson, operator of Rainier Shows said the take from carnival rides at this year's Fair was nearly 100 per cent above last year's—and he had considered last year a riderman's dream. But receipts from concessions were down this year, he said. Because of more reserved seats, total receipts from the nightly revue were up, although attendance was slightly off . . .



One casualty was the circus, which flopped attendance-wise and which probably will not be repeated at the Fair for some years to come. Which leaves Fair officials in something of a quandry, as they say on TV, because horse shows and rodeos also have failed to please stadium crowds in the past. They might try staging a giant quiz show—with the horseshow stadium as the main prize . . . Two biggest disappointments at the Fair this year were (a) Failure to show that girl being shot out of a cannon on the midway (she broke her arm and was unable to stand muster) and (b) Failure of the roller-coaster to get underway before the last days of the Fair (the Portland operator just plain didn't get it up in time). One oddity—paid attendance at the horse races this year was exactly the same, down to the last man going home in a barrel, as in 1954—namely, 22,386.

A long-suffering motorist panted into the newsroom the other day and lamented thusly: "It's bad enough they have to change those three-hour parking meters to one-hour deals," he said with a wave of his nickel-pitching arm. "And it's worse to come back to your meter to find yourself stuck with a ticket. But the most irritating part of all comes when you plunk four-bits into that orange-colored envelope, lick the flap and then get a big tongue-full of sulphur-dioxide taste." Having spoken he took a big swig from the drinking fountain and walked out—presumably on his way to city hall to put in a word for strawberry-flavored parking-fine envelopes . . .

Well, it's huckleberry picking time again! Word has reached us via a bluemouthed, old-time huck plucker that the berries are ripe and ready. If you've been hankering for pie, a la genus Vaccinium, now is the time to gather pails, kids and a compass and head for the hills. You can even take a gelizer counter along and look for radio-active goodies, too. The things to remember about huckleberry gathering is, first of all, don't get lost and secondly, if you think it is taking forever to pick a pailfull, you're probably right. Best places to find huckleberries are in the higher elevations, on logged-off and open areas near timber stands, and preferably where no other picker has yet been. The upper Santiam regions, Breitenbush area, Larch Mountain in Clackamas County, Monument Peak east of Molalla, are all in huckleberry country. Better hurry, though, because if pickers don't get the berries soon, the frosts will.

That collie pup in the season's first Lassie TV show the other Sunday was familiar to the family of Charles Ireland, valley editor of The Statesman. Because the Irelands now own the pup, having won it at the Molalla Buckaroo last July. "Jeff", the boy who plays Lassie's owner, told the Irelands last July that about 10 Lassie shows for this winter's series already had been made—at the rate of two a week. So the Irelands knew their dog was to appear, but not when. Their puppy was two months old when the Sunday show was made; now he's six months old. Next to watching a friend or relative appear on TV there's nothing like watching your dog perform—a good example to hold up to the kids . . .

The Nation has been, however, as it was under Godkin and under Villard, a steady champion of civil rights in America. This would make it unpopular with groups that felt no compunction about trimming the rights of dissenters or of minority elements in the population. But its valor and value in this fight have made it respected in degree far beyond its limited circulation.

## Time Flies: From The Statesman Files

**10 Years Ago**  
Sept. 21, 1945  
The World War II cost the United States navy 701 vessels. A final accounting made public by the navy showed the total included 157 first line fighting ships. The remainder were auxiliaries and amphibious craft.

**25 Years Ago**  
Sept. 21, 1930  
Eight players remain in the race for the Salem Golf club championship flight. Chambers, Dave Eyre, Dr. Garnjost, Fred Annunson, Frank Lynch, Don Young and Walter Cline.

**40 Years Ago**  
Sept. 21, 1915  
Editorially — Salem is not quite "full of prunes," but the three packing establishments here will turn out about 3500 tons of prunes this season, of the very highest quality, for the world's markets. Death decreased the government's Civil War pension roll nearly 10 per cent during the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of Commissioner of Pensions. A total of 298,370 Union veterans remained on the roll—33,255 less than a year ago.

## Argentine Scene Clears Very Slowly

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst  
The political picture in Argentina following the downfall of Dictator Juan Peron is developing very slowly. Alberto Gainza Paz, publisher of the famous newspaper La Prensa which Peron took over, says he believes the military junta will eventually dissolve into a return to democratic government, but admits strong cross currents are at work for the moment.

Perhaps the biggest question today is whether the Peronist labor unions will attempt, and the insurgent forces be able to prevent, a general strike. Chaotic conditions could result, but in the first hours after verification of Peron's abdication there were no indications of a workers' mobilization.

One of the great imperatives in Argentina now is the future of the Christian Democratic groups scattered inconspicuously through the country. If they form a regular political party they could be very powerful.

There's not too much confidence among North American observers in the Radical Party which represented Peron's chief political opposition. Its leader has opposed Peron's invitation to American investigators as "vassalage" for Argentina. But that may have been due as much to opposition to Peron as to the United States.

Nevertheless, Washington seemed to be nervous lest nationalism, isolationism and traditional distrust of the United States should combine under the new Buenos Aires regime to make new troubles for Argentine-North American relations.

After all the trouble with Peron in past years, especially during World War II when he took a distinctive Fascist coloration, the United States and Argentina have been getting along pretty well recently.

Peron had swung away from certain manifestations of nationalism, especially with regard to foreign investment. He had quit using the United States as an outside whipping boy to distract attention from his economic and especially his agricultural problems at home.

Peron's shadow had fallen over Latin-American politics for years. Time after time it appeared he would slip into oblivion, but each time he or his late wife, Eva, pulled some sort of rabbit out of the hat. Most of the time the hemisphere considered him a menace. Yet now that he seems to be gone for good, Washington won't be sure it's glad until it sees what happens to the succession.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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anniversary a special effort at fund raising "brought a response that added the per over a bad financial crisis."

The trouble has been that the paper steadily lost advertising patronage. Quite conceivably that may be attributed to its extremely liberal editorial position, though its small circulation robbed it of appeal to advertisers seeking a mass audience. Probably the paper was subsidized by Oscar Villard during a most of the time he owned it, and his withdrawal from ownership made it dependent on general support which is always hard to maintain.

The Nation has been, however, as it was under Godkin and under Villard, a steady champion of civil rights in America. This would make it unpopular with groups that felt no compunction about trimming the rights of dissenters or of minority elements in the population. But its valor and value in this fight have made it respected in degree far beyond its limited circulation.

Succeeding Miss Kirchwey as editor is Carey McWilliams, who has been editorial director of the publication, and as publisher George C. Kirstein, formerly executive vice president of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York. Kirstein says that The Nation, which "has stood through nearly a century for progress and reform" will "continue to be frankly partisan." He writes:

"Our hearts and our columns are on the side of the worker, of the minority group, of the underprivileged generally. We side with the intellectual and political non-conformist in his clear constitutional right to refuse to conform."

There is a place for the liberal publication which will fight for the downtrodden. But The Nation in its zeal for whatever cause it espouses shows an intolerance which seems to be characteristic of crusaders. I doubt if McWilliams, who made a name for himself as a radical in California, will bring to The Nation the more moderate temper which in my judgment it needs.

## School Reporter

BY WILL BATESON AND BARBARA BONIFACE  
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South Salem Student Council Meets

**SOUTH SALEM HIGH**  
The first student council meeting of the year, was held Tuesday Morning for the purpose of deciding the qualifications of class officers and introducing various committee heads.

Having grades of a C average or above was the only qualification made for a class officer candidate. Instead of acquiring petitions, as has been the policy in past elections, the hopefuls will file their names for elections.

Speeches will be given only by those students running for class president, Junior Varsity yell candidates will be asked to present sample yells.

Betty Coe was announced as chairman for the forthcoming United Fund drive. Building and grounds chairman will be Ron Baker; scholarship, Mary Lynn Stevens.

Kathy Deeney, A. S. B. second vice-president, told of her experiences at the student workshop this summer and made suggestions on the handling of various problems that might confront a student body.

A. S. B. representatives are Jean Attebury, Lucille Wonderly, Robert Seeger, Jim Davenport, Bob Levy, Kathleen Dener, Janice Phillips, Larry Payne, Sue Keach, Imogene Thomas, Judy Atwood, Marcy Mulkey, Phyllis Dannelly, Jim Robinson, Jack Scott, Steve Perry, Barbara Gerlinger, Dolores Dallas, Judy Stewart, Judy Ponthier, Peggy Hoffman, Marcia Humphrey, Maris DeGroote, Beverly Walls, Betty Johnson, Karlene Quistad, Dick Wolf, Darlene Savage, Carol Hoffman, Mike Rolow, Connie Thorne, Sally White and Nancy Willard.

Alternates are Doris Wagner, Geneva Nordyke, Sandra Everitt, Sue Jochinson, Sue Jackson, Darrel Hunter, Steve Cross, Sue Merrill, Connie Baker, Sheryl Helgeson, Bob Keller, Joan Kleinke, Sue Davis, Barbara Kulper, Jacques Hanson, Virginia McCaleb, Jim Seitz, Jim Rawlins, Jim Dodge, Larry Holverson, Bill Richter, Suzanne Styman, Roy Steele, Dave Merchant, Susan Trueblood, Jerry Carleton, Mary Lynn Stevens, Dale Jones, Judy Sloper, Richard Castle, Donna Barber and Julian Thurston.

Both representatives and alternates were elected in each home room last Friday.

Activities of the Pep club began during Tuesday's home room with a meeting to introduce new yells and Pep club officers.

Donna Zeh presides as president, Nancy Snider, vice-president; Marcy Mulkey secretary and Janice Rosler, treasurer.

**NORTH SALEM HIGH**  
A total of 12 North Salem high seniors announced themselves as candidates for the forthcoming senior class elections. Nominations were made by petitions which were collected Tuesday evening.

Candidates for president are Larry Goodman, John Jeldricks and Jim Michaels. For first vice-president Carol McCandlish has been nominated. Second vice-presidential candidates are Ron Maddy, Joyce Brown and Margie Olson. For the office of secretary Judy Harman, Anna Wright and Joyce Mount are candidates. Sharon Plessinger is the candidate for treasurer and Jerry May for Sergeant at arms. As of Tuesday evening there were no nominations for either song queen or yell king.

Speeches will be given by the candidates on Wednesday and the elections on Thursday.

The first of the week brought elections to three of the music groups at North Salem. The Band, orchestra and Girls Glee elected their officers for the coming year.

President of the Girls Glee is Bette Axley; vice-president Stephanie Kurtz; secretary Julie Seaman and treasurer Lolita Miller. Conductor of the girls Glee is Howard Miller.

Band president is Ed Syring with Norman Walters as vice-president. Secretary is Shirley Siems; treasurer, Pat Claggett; Sgt. at arms, Jerry Shipman and assistant Sgt. at arms Dave Baker. Orchestra president is Diane Miller; vice-president, Pam Clayton; secretary, Martha Klaus and business manager, Bob Aaserude.



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