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Floods and the
Rogue River Project

The Grants Pass section of the state suffered about as severely as any in the December floods when the Rogue river overflowed its banks and caused extensive damage, particularly in the vicinity of the Savage Rapids Dam. As the Grants Pass Courier points out, local disagreement on plans for improvements in the Rogue River watershed has effectively delayed a project which would have yielded substantial benefits in flood control.

The Legislature of 1939 appropriated funds for water surveys of streams around Grants Pass. The object then was to store water for reclamation. The state enlisted the cooperation of the Reclamation bureau which spent a great deal of time and money obtaining the necessary engineering data on the Rogue river watershed and finally came up with alternate plans for multiple purpose improvements: water for irrigation and power, and flood control. Hostility of sportsman groups and recreationists caused Oscar Chapman, secretary of the interior, to put the project on ice. The Fish and Wildlife Service was asked to make a study and report on the consequences to fish life of dams in locations proposed, but after five years it still has made no report. Some attempts have been made to obtain an agreement on a compromise plan, so far without success.

The late floods have stirred renewed interest in a multiple purpose project. It is reported the floods by scouring out the river bed seriously damaged spawning grounds below dam sites, probably doing far more injury to fish life than the dams would cause. The Courier sums up the situation quite accurately when it says:

"The heart of the whole argument is in the matter of a dam or dams on the main stem of the Rogue.

"Without local agreement on that issue, we can expect plenty of storm and fury — and more expense — and no practical accomplishment."

If the recent flood damage doesn't force concessions from the various interested groups so an improvement program can be started, then that part of the state seems doomed to suffer continuing losses from floods and from wasted waters that might be harnessed for power and reclamation. The writer has had a continuing interest in this development because as Governor he approved the launching of the studies back in 1939. He hopes that the rule of reason can be invoked to obtain early action for the general benefit of the region.

Long-Range Foreign Aid Program's Value
Limited by Possible Changes in Congress

By J. M. ROBERTS
AP News Analyst

President Eisenhower's suggestion for a long-term foreign aid program can have only limited meaning in the Cold War unless Congress approves it with a unanimity which now appears very doubtful.

Since it would depend upon year-to-year appropriations, recipient nations will not be able to give complete confidence in the face of possible congressional changes of mind.

They will have before them, however, the record of the Marshall Plan of Europe, set up for four years on the same basis and carried through to completion despite serious opposition in its later stages.

The Marshall Plan represented one of the most unselfish and daring national actions ever taken by any country in an effort to establish an international atmosphere in which it could live comfortably. The current proposal would revive the policy for an area — the underdeveloped area of the world — which is now threatened even more seriously than was Europe in 1947.

The ability of the nation to accept the Russian challenge for domination of Asia and Africa was apparent in the President's discussion of the fiscal situation. He said the United States government, after nearly a generation of deficit financing, would be on a pay-as-you-go basis within the next six months. And that takes into consideration the anticipated in-

creases in foreign aid, military preparedness, and domestic social services such as health, security, schools and roads.

The President did not hold out any definite promise of being able to do all this and reduce taxes, too, although he was obviously hopeful that could come after a start on reduction of the national debt. And there he may run into a snag with Congress, where Democrats and Republicans alike would prefer to put off expenditures, especially in such an unpopular field as foreign aid, in favor of a tax-cutting appeal to the voters this year.

Why is foreign aid unpopular, in the face of the successful record of the Marshall Plan?

There are many reasons. No amount of argument will convince some people that reliable allies can be bought. There is, indeed, no certainty that the economic ties the inter-

Fairybook Romance

Grace Kelly, one of the most popular of stars of the screen, and recently named co-equal with Mrs. William Paley as the best dressed among the country's women, has become engaged to Prince Rainier of Monaco. The coming of the prince to the United States under the injunction of his countrymen to find a bride, and soon, was duly recorded in the press. However, even the nosey reporters had no intimation that the prince had his choice in mind when he came to our shores. Not until it was disclosed he was visiting at the Philadelphia home of Miss Kelly did they pick up the scent of a romance. News of the betrothal was soon forthcoming.

Now here indeed is a match to warm the hearts of folk on both sides of the Atlantic. The prince is said to be a man of parts, who has shown great independence in remaining a bachelor to the age of 32. Both he and Miss Kelly are Roman Catholics, so religion will bind rather than bar their marriage. The casino at Monte Carlo provides ample revenues for the ruling house.

As for Grace Kelly, she has become in a short span a box-office favorite both for her ability as an actress and for her personal charm and warm personality. She met the prince when she was making the film "To Stop a Thief" on the Riviera. The way it turned out she failed to stop the "thief." Instead she lost her heart to the prince. All the world loves a lover, and there is unanimous voice that this fairybook romance get the usual fairy tale ending: So she married the prince and they lived happily ever afterward, with the addendum that in due course an heir was born to succeed to the title and thus prevent the residents of Monaco from having to pay French taxes and serve in the French army.

Crimp on McCarthy

In his free ranging inquiry to ferret out Communism, Senator McCarthy took in too much territory. At least that is the opinion of Federal Judge Bailey Aldrich in Boston. He has ruled that the McCarthy committee had no authority to investigate Communism save in government departments. So he threw out charges against a man accused of contempt of Congress when he refused to testify at a McCarthy hearing with regard to operations in plants in private ownership. The judge said such an investigation could be a matter of congressional concern, but the resolution setting up McCarthy's committee did not give it a grant of authority to make such a probe.

It will be recalled that McCarthy made many charges about Communism in defense plants—once he dashed off to Schenectady to take a look at workers in a General Electric plant. He failed, however, to expose very much Red infiltration. As was true of most of his investigations, he dug up little in the way of tangible evidence of Communist activity. The ruling of the Boston court shows he was going out of bounds with such probes, so his effort was a total loss.

A six-year-old girl at Talent in Southern Oregon was badly burned when her synthetic slip exploded. She was standing, fully clothed, in front of the fireplace whose heat caused the undergarment to flare up in flame. Similar trouble was reported with certain sweaters and they were banned from sale. Slips that act the same way ought to be banned too. Such slips should not "try over."



... Two 'get well' cards for you... Seven 'sympathy' cards for me!



Connell C. Ward has long been the hard-working clerk-business manager of the Salem Public School district. Well, recently the district hired Clinton C. Connell as an office manager. In order not to confuse the two whose first and last names are one, the staffers began to refer to C. C. Connell as "Mr. ConnELL." But there was still confusion. So finally in desperation red-haired Mr. Connell took to signing his office memos as just plain "Red." Thereby, probably, saving Mr. Ward the trouble of signing his "Curly."

Then there's Wes Sullivan, Statesman news editor, who has a talkative son called David. The other day David asked how the mailman gets the mail he delivers. Wes explained at great length all about stamps, envelopes, trains, post offices, delivery routes, etc. He also mentioned that mailmen in one city cooperate with mailmen in other cities. "You mean," shouted David aghast, "there's more than ONE mailman?" ... That kid, as Wes well knows, is going to cause trouble when he notices there's more than one Santa Claus ...

Two long-time March of Dimes workers were up to their vaccine marks in memories Thursday at the opening luncheon of the Marion County March of Dimes. They were William Healy, county chairman, and Gene Malecki of Portland, Oregon's representative to the National Polio Foundation. It seems that way back in 1947, when Malecki first came to Salem, Healy found he could not participate in a March of Dimes fund-raising stage frolic. So he talked Gene into substituting for him. This was Gene's first experience with March of Dimes work. He became interested and went on from there to a full-time career in the work. There's probably a moral there someplace ...

What the local Marchers are looking for are more persons like Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Browne, proprietors of the Capitol Sweet Shop on State street. They will donate to the Dimes drive the proceeds from their popcorn machine yesterday and today. Not much—but it'll help ...

All that Oregon mist added considerably to the recent weighty ceremonies of American Can Co. ground breaking. When the battery of six executives simultaneously scooped up the first shovel-full of heavy water-soaked earth at the North Salem site, all were quoted by covering newsmen with this identical comment: "Uhhhh!" ... And while everyone was unanimous in agreeing the new firm would be a mighty fine thing for Salem, people interested in school problems couldn't help but note mentally that a hundred or so new employees means a couple hundred or so more school kids ...

Safety Valve

(Editor's Note: Letters for the Statesman's Safety Valve column are given prior consideration if they are informative and are not more than 300 words in length. Personal attacks and ridicule, as well as libel, are to be avoided, but anyone is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question.)

MORE ON BIRD COUNT

To the Editor:
The recent editorial comment on Bird Count, by the Salem Oregon Statesman, printed in the Medford Mail Tribune of January 1, seems worth more consideration. Probably most of us love birds, and many of us wish we had more and a greater variety of some of our feathered friends.

However, anyone who has seen the starlings as they are in parts of Canada, Kansas and other mid-western states, can but hope that our west - coast states may be spared an epidemic-sized starling invasion. But starlings are here. Driving from Detroit to Wellington, Canada, in 1939, thousands of starlings were seen. Fields of wheat shocks were literally black with starlings. At night the city trees were filled with the birds, and the air with their squawking, cackling, babble. A double-barreled shotgun fired at random up into the trees brought 24 starlings to earth. Walking beneath the trees was utterly dangerous, risking ruination to an Easter, or any other bonnet. Sidewalks were awful. Similar conditions prevail in Topeka, Kansas and other mid-west cities.

Most everyone loves birds, but not starlings. — not by thousands. Trained, a few might serve as political hecklers. In pie, they might surpass the "24 blackbirds baked in a pie." Perhaps a year-round open season, or a small bounty, might keep the starlings within bounds — their number bearable. Watch for the increase. Report a control.

John E. Gribble,
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Recommends Gross Income Tax
To the Editor:
A Tax Program? Well Oregon has never had a progressive tax program. It has generally been patching up an old, expensive, inadequate system, with all taxes

thrown into the well-known "general fund" and which ever group gets their first kicks the cream. Why not take a leaf, from two really progressive states, Colorado and Indiana, where for years past they have had the gross income tax—not net — and not a sales tax. Their gross income tax, rolls up such a large surplus in their treasuries they have been able to cut it down from generally 2 percent. This pays all the welfare, and educational expenses, and is earmarked for such purposes. However, the large firms as well as individuals are exempt their first \$3,000 plus from any tax.

If Rep. Hallack of Indiana, is not afraid of the men who sell money, he would do better to tell his state's experience with the gross income tax, instead of playing around with "token" or any other old-payment idea.

Our \$8 billion a year interest on our national debt, is about all we can muster under our present economy.

George H. Holmes,
1336 3rd St.

Opposes New J.H. Schools
To the Editor:
I note the Salem school board is calling on all voters Feb. 6th. There is a big difference between taxpayers and voters. Us taxpayers soundly defeated another three million bond issue so this smart trick of allowing all voters to vote also. Voters most of them vote for a job and are honest enough to say so.

I note Roger Babson's great article in The Statesman Dec. 16: "Municipal tax rise problem increases," a great article by this brilliant and well educated man. However, the Salem school board will not be impressed. These two junior schools are not needed at this time.

Ray T. Goode,
936 1/2 Jefferson St.

IT
SEEMS
TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

solve their own problems, personal, local, state, and to have the federal government offer aid only when local efforts are inadequate. That seems to me to be sound sense, practical, quite within the spirit of America.

The news columns report in greater or less detail the substance of the President's message. I can in this review touch only a few of the high spots. I would commend him for his recommendation that we balance the budget and make a start toward whittling the national debt before we start slashing taxes. As he says: "Under conditions of high peacetime prosperity, such as now exist, we can never justify going further into debt to give ourselves a tax cut at the expense of our children." The President points the way to "fiscal integrity" and we need badly to get back on that road—for our moral discipline as well as our financial security.

I liked the passage dealing with injury to civil rights. The President took note of reports of denial of rights to Negroes and economic pressures against them, and called for investigation of the charges by a bipartisan commission. He called for further effort "to have every person judged and measured by what he is, rather than by his color, race or religion."

As was to be expected the message dealt extensively with foreign relations and our outlook on world affairs. Without recrimination he observed that "the Soviet leaders are not yet willing to create the indispensable conditions for a secure and lasting peace," but he did report that Communist tactics have shifted in emphasis "from reliance on violence to reliance on division, enticement and duplicity." He stated American policy very wisely when he declared:

"The sum of our international effort should be this: the waging of peace, with as much resourcefulness, with as great a sense of dedication and urgency, as we have ever mustered in defense of our country in time of war. In this effort our weapon is not force. Our weapons are the principles and ideas embodied in our historic traditions, applied with the same vigor that in the past made America a living promise of freedom for all mankind."

That is a superb statement. It is primarily because the people have confidence that President Eisenhower is working to this blueprint that they hold him and his leadership in high esteem. It is reassuring to have him make this declaration of policy rather than to parade the military weapons of our armaments. He does not neglect national security, however, and reports that "our defense program emphasizes an effective, flexible type of power calculated to deter or repulse any aggression and to preserve the peace." This is, to be sure, an area where there can be, and is, great difference of opinion, but Americans find it hard to believe that one whose adult career was that of a professional soldier will neglect the state of our defenses merely, as some impute, to save dollars to achieve a budget balance.

While the specific proposals of a farm program will not be forthcoming for several days farmers cannot fail to be impressed with the President's sincerity in his desire to restore to agriculture its fair share of national prosperity. Certainly he is showing resourcefulness in trying to evolve curative measures rather than to apply mere money-policies as has been the practice in the past.

Congress now will settle down to its task of law-making. The President has given them, and will, with his supplemental messages, give them plenty of subjects to work on: its members cannot possibly in this session accomplish all the legislative chores he has laid out. We may expect more than the usual political tug-of-war and pulling and oratory—all window-dressing for the 1956 campaign. But it is not too much to expect that a substantial body of wise and useful legislation will emerge from the deliberations of the 84th Congress in its second session. The President has made a great contribution toward this end.

Better English
By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I am sure I saw him somewhere among the crowd."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "obese" and "obesity?"

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Abhorrence, abscence, abridgment, abnegation.

4. What does the word "formulate" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with int that means "difficult to understand; complicated?"

ANSWERS
1. Say, "somewhere in the crowd." 2. Pronounce the adjective as ob-bee-ess, the noun as ob-bee-ess-i, both words accented on second syllable. 3. Abhorrence. 4. To express as in a set form; to state definitely and clearly. 5. Intuitive.

Northwest Cannery,
Freezers Eye Union

(Story also on page 1)

PORTLAND — Cannery and freezers may get together before another week is over for a merger into one of the larger groups representing food production in industry associations in the United States.

The Northwest Cannery Association, at its convention now in session in Portland, Thursday voted approval of a merger with Northwest Frozen Foods Association.

Persons needing aid for losses suffered in the recent high waters in Western Oregon should contact their local civil defense organization, it was suggested Thursday by Gov. Paul Patterson. Such persons then will be referred to the proper agency.

Gov. Patterson offered the suggestion while announcing that results of a survey showed more than \$4 million flood losses in 14 counties of Western Oregon.

Agencies in position to assist those suffering flood damage include, in addition to civil defense organizations, the following: Red Cross, Agricultural Department, Bureau of Public Roads, Farm Administration, Small Business Administration, and Department of Commerce.

Gov. Patterson said six engineers from the Salem office of the Bureau of Public Roads have been surveying damage under direction of Charles H. Beal, federal civil defense administration engineer. The engineers also are orienting county and city offices in procedure for submission of claims.

Beal, who arrived in Salem from Battle Creek, Mich., within 12 hours after President Eisenhower authorized federal funds for Oregon flood relief, indicated he would remain in the state for several more days to study the flood situation.

Meanwhile, Gov. Patterson said the Red Cross is well underway in its flood rehabilitation program in the state.

Still Found,
Arrest Made

PORTLAND — Tom Russell Calder, 55, awaits arraignment here on a federal liquor-law violation charge.

James Morrell, deputy U.S. attorney, said a raid on Calder's farm home near Baker Saturday netted a 15-gallon still, a 10-gallon keg of moonshine, several barrels of mash and a complete set of moonshine-making equipment.

Calder pleaded guilty to the same charge more than a year ago. Morrell said that in placing him on probation, Federal Judge Claude McCulloch warned Calder to "stop making whisky."

Noted Northwest
Shipper Succumbs

PORTLAND — George Powell, 66, of Portland, widely known in Pacific Northwest shipping circles, died at a hospital here Wednesday. Powell was founder of the Oregon Pacific Steamship Co. and during World War II he was assistant regional director of the War Shipping Administration.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Sallie P. Kelly, Salem; and Mrs. Evelyn P. Henwood, Portland; and a son, George Fielding Powell, Portland.

Of all traffic accidents, more than one out of every five occurred between 5 and 8 p.m.

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Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

Jan. 6, 1946
A nationwide poll of critics and reviewers gave top 1945 honors for motion picture to Alexander Knox, Ingrid Bergman and Greer Garson, the magazine Film Daily said. Lauren Bacall was named the number one "find" of the year.

Editorially — The Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury, on his return to England after visiting the United States, reports that this country is 100 years behind in everything except religion, and 150 years behind on that, he dates his political theories from Moscow.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 6, 1921
Sir Thomas Lipton gave the city of Glasgow, Scotland, \$50,000 for the distribution among the poor mothers and children in his native city. He made the gift in memory of his mother.

At Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Steelhammer observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary. They were remembered by the Eastern Star with a beautifully decorated wedding cake and by

the Masonic order with a basket of flowers.

A 16-year-old junior student at Lincoln High school, Portland, has been awarded the Oregon Trail Gold Medal for the best story of the opening of the west. She is Miss Hilda Gillam and her manuscript was adjudged the best among many thousands submitted.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 6, 1916
Flares and Flickers column — Some theatres are displaying a slide which reads: "Please do not comment audibly while the picture is being shown." Good advice.

Remaining to the credit of the state fair fund with the balancing of the books on December 1, marking the end of the fiscal year, was a sum of \$8208.00, according to Secretary W. Al Jones.

According to reports which have been received from London recently, New York has finally come into her own and is now recognized as the largest city in the world. The passing of London into second place has been due to losses occasioned by the war and to a mistake in estimating the population.