

Let's Make Up Our Minds

The people of Salem and their city council are in the unique, enviable and difficult position of having to decide how to spend over \$30,000 upon a work of art. This is indeed an American phenomenon:—That the average citizen should have this opportunity to have a say as to a permanent ornament or offense, as the case may be, to a community of 50,000 souls.

Before making its final decision, the city council has asked the public to express its opinions on a suitable pioneer memorial to be erected here with funds willed for that purpose by the late Carroll Moores. Examples of the work of six artists being considered for the job are now on display at the Bush Museum. The Statesman has published some outstanding photographs by John Erickson of proposed pieces of sculpture. The Bush exhibit will continue until the 26th of this month (and on Wednesdays the museum charges no admission fee).

The public, thus, is being given every chance to choose a favorite. Those who were so vocal in their negative criticism of the choice of the previous Moores Memorial Commission (the late, lamented "Venus" by Renoir), should now be equally articulate.

In order to bring the matter to a head, the city council could set a deadline for receiving opinions soon after the close of the Bush Museum exhibit. Then the council should make up its mind, the artist should be commissioned and work begun. It would be most fitting to have this memorial to the pioneers finished and dedicated in time for the state's centennial.

After the local furor (which made Salem something of a national laughingstock) over the "nekkid female"—the Venus—the council members must know that any choice involving a real work of art is going to be controversial. They can take comfort and courage from the fact that they are not dealing with tax money and, therefore, have more leeway to follow their best instincts. Also, councilmen and the people of Salem alike can take counsel from the following excerpt from "Art Today," a survey by Art Professors Ray Faulkner, Edwin Ziegfeld and Gerald Hill.

"A work that pleases everyone immediately is not likely to be an important work of art. One that is forward looking, a contribution and milestone in art is almost bound to meet with antagonism, for it must of necessity be in advance of the taste of most of the people who are to pass judgment on it. Herein lies one of the great paradoxes of community art. It must be an expression of the community, but it must at the same time present some new and satisfying formulation of their community ideals, and these new formulations are likely to be the ones that arouse the most protest. This is not to say that the general public cannot like good art. That snobbish attitude is as untrue as it would be unfortunate. But every citizen in this democratic country has the right to pass judgment on all the community works of art. . . . There is, therefore, a tendency for art in the community, in an attempt to please as many people as possible, to be dull and without spirit. Such things are never great. Important art of the community . . . should lead and educate, and should not be innocuous repetitions of what most people already know and think."

Significantly, this book holds up Oregon's capitol as an example of good art in the

community. If the city council's choice of the Moores Memorial comes as close to pleasing art critics and the public as the capitol, then Salem will indeed be fortunate in its adornment. . . . (M.W.W.)

The Juvenile Problem

The 1955 report of the Marion County Juvenile Court and Juvenile Department doesn't offer much cheer insofar as the juvenile problem in this area is concerned, but it shows a lot of effort has gone toward meeting it.

The 18.2 per cent increase in case load in 1955, over 1954, is startling in itself—and considerably more so when a glance at previous records shows such an increase is occurring year after year. The county has been more fortunate than many other places, true, but certainly the statistics give no reason for smugness even though it is accepted that in any community the ratio of delinquency increases as population grows.

Boys continue to constitute the major offenders, though in other than traffic cases girls coming under the juvenile court or department showed a 32 per cent increase in 1955 and boys only 13 per cent.

Dependency cases showed a slight drop, but on the debit side of juvenile behavior is the fact that 200 were confined to the juvenile section of the county jail an average of 5 days each, and that of the total case load of 837 more than 30 per cent were under 14 years of age. The average age was just over 16.

More than 1000 visits by juvenile department staff members to homes and schools, and more than 3600 office interviews, attest to the fact that the problem is being combated.

We do not subscribe to the idea that all juvenile delinquency connotes parental delinquency, but a lot of it does. We do hold that parental influence, training and attention are the most vital factors involved—and that by far the greatest proportion of our boys and girls are innately intelligent and act accordingly.

Red-ruled Romania apparently subscribes in part, at least, to the old saying that the pen is mightier than the sword. It puts typewriters in the class of concealed weapons—a license is required to "manufacture, repair, hold, transmit or acquire" one. Wonder how about ball-point pens.

There is no refund for motorists who forgot Monday and fed Salem's parking meters unnecessarily (twas Lincoln's birthday, by the way). But if their memories last long enough they can still save a bit on Feb. 22. Parking places are free on Washington's birthday, too.

Editorial Comment

FIFTY YEARS AT THE PIANO

Fifty years is a long time for a man to be playing the piano or, for that matter, doing anything else. It was half a century ago that Arthur Rubinstein made his debut in America, a boy of seventeen with a reputation as a piano wizard. Today Mr. Rubenstein is no longer seventeen, but his reputation for pianistic virtuosity is unimpaired, and even enhanced. Right now he is taking the occasion to present an unusual succession of five concerts within two weeks, during which he will play no fewer than seventeen concertos, as many as four a night. Mr. Rubenstein declines to describe this event as an anniversary celebration; perhaps he is just flexing his pianistic muscles at the age of sixty-seven to show that rare pianists, like rare wines, improve with age.

As a citizen as well as a musician, Arthur Rubinstein has long been an adornment to this country. He has helped spread the gospel of his art not only by his performances but by his engaging personality.

After fifty years, Mr. Rubinstein is demonstrating that he can still bring ebullience as well as exaltation to music; he has lost neither the zest nor the freshness that has always marked his approach. Many a youthful piano student may well look with envy upon this master of the keyboard, who still finds in his music inexhaustible enjoyment.—(New York Herald Tribune).

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



And while earnings are high and profits are good, Sneedby, the taxpayer finds little consolation in your remarks 'easy come, easy go' . . .

IT SEEMS TO ME

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John Ledyard who later interested Thomas Jefferson in West- ern exploration, an interest that bore fruit in the Lewis and Clark expedition. Another man serving under Cook was William Bligh, sailing master, later commander of the "Bounty" whose mutiny produced history, literature and a movie.

A number of Hawaiians sailed with these white ships. One, Alto, saved Capt. Robert Gray from an Indian attack by his warning, the time Gray was wintering at Clayoquot Sound, 1791-2. Others entered service with traders in the Northwest. Our name, "Owyhee," derives from Hawaii. The American Board sent missionaries to Hawaii before they sent Whitman and Spalding to the Northwest and there was communication between these outposts. The first printing press was brought from Hawaii to Lapwai, Idaho, by Rev. Henry Spalding.

Decline of the fur trade, advent of steamships, broke the former frequent connection between the Northwest and Hawaii. Our shipping to the Orient took the northern Great Circle route. Only cargo vessels made trips to Hawaii. Tourists had to go to San Francisco to sail on the Matson boats. Came the airplane and direct flights from Seattle and Portland, and fugitives from Northwest clouds and winter rain started winging their way hither. Their number will increase, for the boom in winter travel is bound to grow.

At the Surfrider Hotel where we had reservations, we found Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Needham and Mrs. Scott Page who came over a few weeks ago. They had just returned from a tour of the outer islands. We are, however, "displaced persons"—refugees from the full-up Surfrider put temporarily, and upgraded, in the Royal Hawaiian, both Matson-owned.

The hotels front along famed Waikiki beach, and at the back is Kalakaua Avenue lined with shops catering to tourists. Bathers and sun-worshippers line the beach. Tropical costumes abound, but the "figures" are more for the delight of the cartoonist than the sculptor.

We saw the vanguard of the expedition for maneuvers on Iwo Jima set out from Pearl Harbor, sailing into the west, this morn-

Newberg Mayor Seeks Re-election To Legislature

NEWBERG (AP)—State Rep. George Layman, who also is mayor of Newberg, is seeking Republican nomination to the state Legislature from his district. He said that if he is nominated and re-elected, he will be a candidate for speaker of the House. Layman served his first term in the House at the last session.

67 IN ORGANIZATION

MONTREAL (AP)—The International Civil Aviation Organization, the official legislature of the world air lanes now has 67 nations in membership. The newest is the Indochina kingdom of Cambodia.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He was anxious to make a good impression, and he's been pretty successful."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "requisite"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Recommend, condens, superintendent, reprimand.

4. What does the word "longevity" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ad that means "to make impure"?

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Feb. 16, 1946

In a ceremony rivaling in glitter, pomp and pageantry his brilliant coronation seven years ago, Pope Pius XII placed the symbolic red hat on the heads of 28 new cardinals he created recently. The ancient rite was witnessed by 29,000.

The home of Mrs. Douglas McKay was the scene for the tea of Oregon State Mothers club. The tea honored charter members of the club and new mothers of the new students. John Fenner, new alumni secretary, was guest speaker.

Racing was secured for Santa Anita as grooms agreed to continue their duties and track officials boosted all purses \$200 to virtually break the back of a horsemen's strike which threatened to cancel the lush meeting, including the \$100,000 derby.

25 Years Ago

Feb. 16, 1931

Wholesale paroling of convicts in the Oregon State Penitentiary as a means of eliminating the requirement for additional facilities, was suggested at a meeting of the ways and means committee. Senator Spaulding, said he was advised "that there are 250 prisoners in the penitentiary who ought to be released."

From San Francisco, Uncle Sam's wards of the Pacific, a million fur seals valued at more than \$25,000,000, are leaving the warm waters of the south on their annual migration to their Alaskan breeding grounds.

W. M. Ball, Corvallis photographer, visited the state legislature. Mr. Ball's photograph of I. L. Patterson won highest award in the salon of the Pacific coast photographer at San Francisco several years ago.

40 Years Ago

Feb. 16, 1916

Elizabeth Cornelius is a candidate for school superintendent of Marion county at the forthcoming primaries. She is a native Oregonian. Her grandfather made himself famous in the fight and victory to save the capital of the state for Salem.

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Hudelson will be held next week, when the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief Corps will attend in a body. Councilman Hudelson served two years with the civil war with Company B, Indiana volunteers.

The House of Commons passed new votes of credit to the amount of forty-two million pounds. This is expected to carry the war to the end of May.

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Westinghouse Rejects Strike Study Offer

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Westinghouse Electric Corp. Wednesday flatly refused to cooperate with a fact-finding board set up by the governors of five states to study a 122-day strike of 41,900 workers at 30 plants.

In telegrams to the governors, Gwilym A. Price, Westinghouse board chairman and president, asserted management "cannot delegate to outsiders . . . the right to determine the fundamental terms of the union agreement under which Westinghouse must live for some years."

The rejection by Westinghouse followed more picketing violence at the company's Sharon, Pa., plant where some 100 pickets massed for the third straight day.

Police said an auto was overturned, cars were stoned and windows in the plant were broken. No arrests were made and there were no reports of anyone injured.

Mayor Michael J. Dunn, himself a member of striking IUE local 617, asked Gov. Leader to "assign at least four uniformed state policemen to constant patrol of the Sharon plant."

Dunn thus joined Sheriff Richard Knowles and City Police Chief William Stuart in asking the governor for state police aid.

The mayor, a Democrat, said he felt the "situation is reaching a point where the men are in a nasty mood. Our own police have been worked pretty hard—a lot of overtime and not much sleep. We need help."

The striking AFL-CIO International Union of Electrical Workers had pledged full cooperation with

Russ to Place Atomic Reactor In Red China

TOKYO (AP)—Peiping radio said Wednesday Soviet Russia would set up a 6,500-kilowatt experimental atomic reactor in Red China. The reactor will be used to train Chinese scientists and technicians, the broadcast said, adding: "With Soviet assistance, (Communist) China plans within a short period of time to master the world's most advanced scientific techniques in atomic energy."

CARS SOLD

NEW YORK (AP)—Thirty-two automobiles that had been towed away for parking violations were sold at public auction this week. They brought a total of only \$1,242. Seven other cars were reclaimed by their owners before the sale.

the two-man fact-finding board named last Sunday by Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania.

Leader had the support of Govs. Averill-Harrison, New York; Abraham Ribicoff, Connecticut; Robert Meyner, New Jersey; and William Marland, West Virginia.

Advertisement for Dr. Bernard D. Brown, Optometrist. Features a portrait of Dr. Brown and text: "A Man's as Good as his EYES! Youngsters think it's a man's ideas that keep him young, but the secret is in his 'outlook'! That includes being able to enjoy the evening paper and recognizing old friends on the street. If you can't do both with ease and enjoyment, perhaps a pair of BIFOCALS will help you." Contact: 422 Court St., Phone 3-3091.

Advertisement for Siegler Warm Floor Heating. Features a drawing of a furnace and text: "STOP FREEZING! ARE YOUR FLOORS ICY COLD? ARE YOU CONFINED TO ONE OR TWO ROOMS? ARE YOUR CEILING OVERHEATED? ARE YOU WASTING FUEL ON SOOT AND SMOKE? IS YOUR HEAT GOING UP THE CHIMNEY? IS YOUR FUEL BILL TOO HIGH? SWITCH to Siegler WARM FLOOR HEATING NOW! enjoy furnace heat over the floors in every room, without costly, dirt-collecting pipes and registers to install or clean! Siegler OIL furnace HEATER. PATENTED AUTOMATIC. GIVES YOU WARM COZY FLOORS! LETS YOU LIVE IN EVERY ROOM! ENDS OVERHEATED CEILING! NO MORE MESSY CLEANING JOBS! STOPS HEAT WASTE UP THE CHIMNEY! SAVES UP TO 50% IN FUEL! As Little As 10% Down on Approved Credit WALLACE HARDWARE THE MARSHALL-WELLS STORE 2043 N. Capitol St. Phone 3-6877"

Massachusetts Governor to Become Serious Candidate for GOP Nomination if Ike Says 'No'

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—If President Eisenhower withdraws, Governor Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts, will become a most serious candidate for the Republican nomination.

Herter will have professional organization and important political and financial backing. And most of the Republican professionals believe that he will have at the least a sporting chance of winning the nomination from such other more obvious candidates as Vice-President Richard Nixon and Senator William Knowland.

Indeed, the Herter talk among Republicans is beginning to be a meaningful political phenomenon, rather like the talk about Adlai E. Stevenson among Democrats in the very early days when Stevenson was also little known nationally.

There are several reasons why Herter is being taken more and more seriously as a possible substitute candidate. He has important qualifications, having served ably in both the domestic and foreign policy fields. He is a proven vote-getter. He has, as one admirer put it, "a sort of presidential smell."

He has also been an all-out Eisenhower man from the very first, and finally, he is the only presently visible alternative candidate on whom the amorphous but powerful group of men who were largely responsible for President Eisenhower's nomination could agree.

Vice-President Nixon is not such a man. If President Eisenhower withdraws and firmly endorses Nixon as his successor there will be, of course, no real serious opposition to Nixon from the Eisenhower men. Otherwise, there certainly will be.

Indeed there is already considerable underground opposition to Nixon for the second place. This opposition is partly on personal grounds. It also derives partly from the conviction that Nixon, who has acted as a sort of political lightning rod for the Administration, would be a drag on the ticket.

Already President Eisenhower has been strongly urged to drop Nixon and replace him with Herter if the President runs again. One urger was Cliff Roberts, banker and golf-playing friend of the President's. Roberts is (or was until a very recent mild heart attack) a part-time member of the so-called "Commodore Regency" of Eisenhower political strategists.

Roberts had a lengthy report on Herter's qualifications prepared, undoubtedly with the knowledge of other members of the regency. On the basis of this report Roberts tried to persuade the President that Herter was better qualified for second place than Nixon. The President was non-committal. But for about a week, according to those who should know, he thought about the matter seriously.

Again according to those who should know, the idea of replacing Nixon with Herter has been rather firmly dismissed, although, of course, it might be revived again if the President decides to run. The idea was dismissed partly because the President genuinely admires the Vice-President, and partly because of the damaging political implications. But a major argument was also used effectively by Nixon's friends against Herter—that fact that Herter was born in Paris.

Safety Valve

HERTER'S Paris birth is, indeed, the greatest single obstacle to a Herter candidacy. Since he was registered at the American consulate, most lawyers agree that Herter is "natural born," as the Constitution requires. But as long as the matter remains unsettled, a cloud of doubt will hang over the Herter candidacy. The doubt can only be finally dissipated by the Supreme Court.

All sorts of ways of getting the Supreme Court to make a ruling well before the Republican convention have been considered. The most hopeful precedent cited is, oddly enough, that of the Progressive Party, which got a Supreme Court ruling in 1948 on Henry Wallace's eligibility to go on the Illinois ballot within three weeks of requesting the decision.

The fact that the Paris birth problem is already being considered so carefully suggests how serious the Herter candidacy is—or how serious it could become. If the President withdraws, His supporters have been promised powerful financial and organizational backing in New York, Massachusetts, and elsewhere. Herter has announced that he will not run again for Governor, which removes one complication. And he has a significantly full speaking schedule—the invitation to his forthcoming speech at Washington's National Press Club bore the interesting heading "IF IKE STEPS OUT, HE COULD STEP IN."

Even "If Ike steps out," Herter has, of course, a long way to go. He is little known nationally, and Massachusetts is no longer the convenient jumping off place for the Presidency it once was. Yet, conditional and hedged about with obstacles as it is, the Herter candidacy is interesting, just because it is so hard to think of anyone else on whom the Eisenhower forces could agree.

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URGES IMMUNIZATION

To the Editor: Today's front page story telling of the death of two people with the dread disease of diphtheria should serve as a refocusing of the danger signal to all people generally, and certainly to this county area.

Only a few months ago the Marion County Public Health Department just decided to stop administering the general immunization shots for diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough and tetanus in our public schools.

This has been a long-standing public service to the school children and was probably one of the most worth while of those rendered by the department. Certainly it was one deeply appreciated and whose benefits had been well shared. The broad coverage it afforded had offered a security and attained results that had furnished living evidence of its effectiveness. The natural and broad grouping of school children had made possible a most convenient and economical administration of the plan.

To have school immunization services stopped and the money used for other purposes was a distinct shock to the parents of this county.

In fairness, perhaps under any method some fatalities will occur, but that is a pathetic excuse for not doing the best we can. Must we lose a few lives occasionally to get this service voluntarily returned or must we experience the tragedy of an epidemic to around public opinion to the place where they will insist upon an accounting of the services of a public department? Harley Libby, Salem, Ore.