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## Higher Police Pay Necessary

We doubt if the people of Salem realize the crisis the city faces in maintaining a qualified police force. Low salary scales have resulted in loss of topflight officers and failure to attract competent recruits. Adoption Friday of the charter amendment lifting the one-year residence requirement may bring some relief, but the obvious cure is a higher scale of pay.

The budget submitted by the city manager does call for an increase and the budget subcommittee has wisely recommended upping that, but we aren't sure that this is sufficient.

Salem has been very fortunate in the quality of its police force under the able direction of Chief Clyde Warren. We cannot afford to let it deteriorate by subnormal salary scales. That the people may have the full story, we are attaching a report on the police situation made by Jerry Stone, our assistant city editor, who covers the city hall beat. Both the budget committee and citizens generally should carefully consider the facts Stone has assembled.

Salem's police force faces greater responsibilities every day as the city pushes ahead in population and business growth. But ability to do the job is being undermined by low salary scales.

It has become increasingly difficult to keep seasoned officers in the department. An ever-growing trend finds the veterans and the "comers" leaving the force for jobs with more weight in pay envelopes.

Also burdened by relatively low pay standards, this city's fire department has somehow escaped the grave problems of turn-over. Only 12 men have quit in the past five years, according to Chief Elsworth Smith.

On the other hand, records show the police force has lost 48 men in the last 4½ years. These men, virtually all of whom turned in their badges for more lucrative work in other pursuits, were trained by the city at a cost estimated at above \$150,000.

Police Chief Clyde Warren lost four top bracket men in the last eight months because of desire to better income.

Most recent to quit were Allen McRae and David (Mac) Honer, smooth-working detective bureau team and both with the force more than 10 years. They landed insurance investigative jobs in Eugene—jobs that will enable them to bring home a few more potatoes.

Sgt. Joseph Schuetz, next in line for a captaincy, left near the first of the year. Same reason—better salary with a business firm. Ralph Hammack, expected to be a future asset in the detective corps, quit last year to take a department store job that was more palatable pay-wise.

Pay inducements are so unalluring in the Salem department that not a single qualified applicant is on file at the moment.

Records show half the police swingshift to be comprised of rookies, reflecting a heavy turn-over in patrolmen. This overabundance of green men caused by holes in the veterans' ranks has fostered real concern in a department whose operations often are of dangerous nature.

A new salary bracket system under city consideration makes it difficult to compare salaries, but in the city manager's recommended budget, Salem patrolmen would be raised from top pay of \$335 to \$350, or possibly \$355 as more recently recommended by a budget subcommittee. This is for patrolmen after three years with the department.

It was recommended that patrolmen's starting salary, now \$306, be jumped to \$325.

Sergeants now making a top of \$379 would be eligible for proposed new grade of lieutenant, paying \$395 in the proposed budget. Captains' pay,

now \$408, is due to increase to \$435. Detectives, now at \$270, would go up to \$385 or \$395.

The subcommittee favors a \$6,000 yearly salary for the chief of police instead of the city manager's recommendation of \$4,020. Present chief's salary is \$6,110.

Several other cities besides metropolitan Portland currently top Salem in police pay. Medford gives its sergeants a maximum of \$410 and top patrolman pay is \$356. Eugene patrolmen get a top of \$352, while pavement-pounders at Bend draw a maximum of \$368.

Privates first class on the state police force get ceiling pay of \$415 per month.

## First U. S. H-bomb Drop

Sunday, after two weeks of delay on account of unfavorable weather U. S. airmen dropped their first hydrogen bomb. (The USSR dropped one some months ago). This one is described as having a destructive power equivalent to ten million tons of TNT—and we used to call TNT bombs "block busters." Thus far in eleven years has nuclear research come in weapons development.

The news story itself makes graphic reading, though the H-bomb pattern resembles those of other types of bombs previously discharged. (The U. S. has touched off H-bombs before from ground positions). The important item in the story is that the plane made a successful getaway, banking sharply in a 180-degree turn after the drop while the bomb was carried forward in its normal trajectory.

Can't we halt our testing of super-power bombs now? Surely there is no need to build bombs with greater destructive force. Tests are in order for new types of weapons and of carriers, but surely we can wind up exploding bombs like that one Sunday. There is not only great risk involved, but the expense must be tremendous.

UCLA and the University of Washington really got a spanking from the Pacific Coast conference for their misdeeds in financing of athletes. A three-year probation for the former (out of Rose Bowl competition and share in its proceeds) and one of two years for the latter really will hurt. This doesn't prove that other schools are innocent, but they haven't been as blatant apparently as these two. It is doubtful though, if this discipline will cure the evil of subsidies for athletes.

South Korea got its first television recently. Question is whether 50 years hence it'll be a historic day of celebration or mourning.

A business news item says there is over-production of power lawnmowers. Evidently householders aren't getting lazy fast enough.

## Editorial Comment

### BUY BONDS

On May 1, 1941, the Series E Savings Bond, most widely owned investment in history, first went on sale. Now, on the fifteenth anniversary of the date, individual Americans own nearly thirty-eight billion dollars in E bonds. The savings so put aside have carried students through college, bought new homes, provided additional income for those in retirement and satisfied countless other family needs and desires. At the same time the government's debt management operations have been aided by the program and the entire American economy has benefited.

The program is a continuing one, and the public is still urged to take advantage of it. The bonds, which originally paid 2.5 per cent interest when held to maturity (ten years), now pay 3 per cent when held to maturity (nine years, eight months). Payment may be made through pay-roll deductions, through the Bond-a-Month Plan (deductions from checking accounts) or over the counter at banks. What was once considered a primarily patriotic duty has taken on more and more the aspect of a personal opportunity. During the month of May, proclaimed throughout the nation "Minute Man Month," it is to be hoped that the advice of latter-day Minute Men will be heeded and that the American people will substantially increase their investment in E bonds.—New York Herald-Tribune.

## Western Nations' Double Policy With Red Chinese Trouble Spot in Foreign Affairs

By WILLIAM L. RYAN  
AP Foreign News Analyst

The trouble with the Western policy toward Red China is that there are two policies.

Both Britain and the United States recognize the wisdom of attempting to break Red China away from the Soviet Union.

The United States appears to approach this goal by making the Red Chinese totally dependent upon the U.S.S.R., with the hope that in the long run the Chinese will see that they have little future with the Russians.

The British approach seems to be that Red China should be lured away from the U.S.S.R. by relieving the Chinese of total dependence upon Moscow's favors.

Possibly either one of these policies would work—if it was a unanimous Western policy. It is hard, likely that either will work if both are pursued independently.

Red China needs and wants Western trade, and Europeans express surprise with the United States embargo on the sale of strategic materials to the Chinese.

They contend that Red China exists, whether the United States likes it or not.

The United States, they hold, has a recognition policy based entirely on political expediency. This permits the United States, they continue, to live with a Communist regime when necessary—such as was the case with the recognition of Communist Yugoslavia in 1945.

Britain has decided to expand her trade with the Red Chinese and include in that trade some items listed by the United States as strategic. On the surface this looks like a significant break in the solid Western front against communism.

It is not quite that, however. There is a growing feeling among competent American observers of the Far East scene that time is working against the United States policy. As the years roll by Chiang Kai-Shek and his nationalist government on Formosa decline

steadily in influence. In time Chiang himself will be gone from the scene. The recognition of Red China by Egypt likely will start a flood of similar moves throughout the Middle East.

The United States could not expect for long to hold the line against Western trade with the Chinese, a big beckoning market for trade-hungry nations. The British probably have made their move with at least the tacit consent of Washington.

But this is an election year in the United States, and it would be difficult for the United States

in such circumstances to announce it had relaxed its policy far enough to recognize that Red China exists at least in fact.

A common Western policy toward Red China some day might give the Russians trouble. The Russians now keep their alliances together by a form of force. With the softening Russian attitude, apparently dictated by circumstances, these alliances will begin to look more like mere coalitions.

And when the Russians become the center of a coalition, they will learn what real political trouble can be.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"We're making average progress, Mr. Figby!... We're a bit behind schedule on the time estimate, but way ahead of schedule on the cost estimate!"

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## IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

the state. Grueling though the campaign was, it enabled McKay to renew his grass roots connections and to build his personal organization. This will stand him in good stead in the November campaign.

Wayne Morse wearing for the first time the livery of the Democrats won his race handsily; but the more than 30,000 votes for his barely known opponent Woody Smith shows that a sizeable bloc in the party did not welcome its new recruit.

While Republican Gov. Elmo Smith was expected to coast to an easy victory, his vote was surprisingly large, very nearly as big as Eisenhower's. On the other hand Democrat Sen. Robert Holmes had a hard time squeaking out a victory over Lew Wallace who had withdrawn from the race weeks ago. This is certainly a good augury for Smith's success in November.

In the Republican competition for secretary of state Mark Hatfield repeated his previous record for voter popularity acquired in Marion county and won over William E. Healy by a surprisingly wide margin. He thus leaps to prominence as a rising hope for Republicans. Part of his success is attributed to his TV panel appearances where he demonstrated a popular appeal rivaling that of famed Liberace. He will face in the fall veteran politician, Monroe Sweetland, who had no competition in the Democratic primary.

Walter Norblad again rode the roller coaster to a sweeping victory over R. F. Cook in the Republican primary while Jason Lee outdistanced his Democratic opponent, Don H. Matheny. The second district race will be a rerun of the 1954 competitors. Republican incumbent Sam Coon, vs. Al Ullman, Democrat. In the third district Phil Roth, former legislator won the GOP nod to compete with incumbent Democrat Edith Green. The fourth district will be another repeat contest with incumbent Harris Ellsworth, Republican opposed by Democrat Charles O. Porter, Eugene lawyer.

One state-wide contest where the result was highly gratifying returned to office Supreme Justice Hall S. Lusk His opponent was a self-starting chronic office seeker whose election would have been a judicial disaster.

In the city election the finance measures fared better than I feared they would. There were just too many bond and tax measures on the ballot. As it was the voters showed pretty fair discrimination, though partisans of measures that lost may not agree. The biggest load of all, the big water bond measure, met with highest favor. Then came street widening and new bridges—thousands of people use the streets and are willing to pay for street improvements.

The only other tax measure to survive was a special tax for park maintenance and improvement. This will be welcomed by the park department though it will be disappointed in not getting bond money to permit purchase of new park sites.

The two fire department measures fell by the wayside, as did the airport tax and the library tax. The last was so modest—a one-year levy to provide \$30,000—it seems a shame it was defeated.

Flouridation and county zoning took the count again, and for that I would merely sign off with "no comment."

## Wife Surprises Husband With School Diploma

(Picture on wirephoto page.)

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — A pretty mother of three children who wanted to "surprise my husband and show I could do it" has earned her high school diploma the hard way.

Mrs. Marilyn Meitz, 21, told Sunday how she sandwiched in her studies between household chores and baby tending while her husband, Earl, 26, was at work on his truck driving job.

She hid her correspondence school textbooks "in out of the way places," she said, so her husband wouldn't know what she was up to.

Why? Well, she said, "I kind of mentioned I'd like to finish school but Earl didn't think I could do it, what with the kids and all. Besides, I was afraid I wouldn't pass."

## Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

### 10 Years Ago

May 21, 1946

J. N. (Sam) Chambers, former member of the Liquor Control Board and now retired, was selected chairman of the Long Range Planning Commission. Chambers replaces the late C. B. McCullough.

### 25 Years Ago

May 21, 1931

Willamette University nosed ahead of Whitman College in major athletic accomplishment in the Northwest Conference for the school year when its basketball team defeated the Missionaries in the final game of the playoff series and won Willamette's second major sport championship of the year.

### 40 Years Ago

May 21, 1916

The first step toward Salem's municipal playgrounds will be taken when the junior high schools change school work for manual labor, cleaning sites for the playgrounds.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She is the loveliest girl that I ever knew."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "rivalry"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Meritorious, melodrama, menagerie, millennium.
4. What does the word "expedient" (adjective) mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "de" that means "expressing courteous regard for another's wishes"?

ANSWERS  
1. Say, "that I HAVE ever KNOWN." 2. Pronounce the "u" as in "use," not as in "up," and accent first syllable. 3. Menagerie. 4. Fit or proper under the circumstances. "It is expedient that we go away." 5. Deferential.

## Naval Reserve 'Cruises' Start

Members of Naval Air Reserve Unit 893 checked in at the McNary Field installation Sunday in preparation for a two-week training "cruise."

The group, under the command of Lt. Comdr Lewis Coe, Portland, will probably begin instrument and familiarization operations today. About 18 pilots and 25 enlisted

## High French Officials Get Prison Terms

PARIS — In a stormy climax to a 2½-month-old trial, a French military tribunal Sunday sentenced two former high ranking civil servants to long prison terms for leaking defense secrets to the Communists during the Indochina War.

Books and an empty water glass flew through the air, and fist fights flared.

Roger LaBrousse, former head of France's civil defense, got six years and Jean-Rene Turpin, former top ranking member of the national defense ministry secretary general, four years. It was far beyond the demands of the prosecution, which had asked sentences not exceeding 20 months—the time LaBrousse and Turpin have already spent in jail.

The tribunal acquitted Jean Mons, former secretary general of the defense ministry, and Andre Baranes, a newspaperman who once worked for the pro-Communist paper Liberation.

The verdict itself came after a marathon session of 21 hours. When it was announced LaBrousse grabbed an empty glass and hurled it at Baranes. LaBrousse's 17-year-old son threw a book at Baranes' lawyer, Jean Louis Tixier-Vignancourt, a rightist deputy. The lawyer flung two books which missed LaBrousse's son but hit a reporter.

After the courtroom was emptied by the presiding judge, a fist fight broke out between Tixier-Vignancourt and Georges Arnault, a leftist author. There were fist fights also among spectators.

The confusion reflected the course of the long trial which began March 7 and almost complete indifference, but turned quickly into a political forum.

The government indicted against the four defendants named one of the recipients of the defense leaks as Gen. Emmanuel d'Astier de la Vigerie, a fellow I. eling member of the National Assembly. He could not be prosecuted because of legislative immunity.

The trial did not clear up just how the defense secrets allegedly got to the Communist Vietnam during the critical phase of the long Indochina War.

France lost the war.

## Ike, Mamie, Grandchildren Go to Church

WASHINGTON — The President and Mrs. Eisenhower, accompanied by three of their four grandchildren, attended services at the National Presbyterian Church Sunday.

David Eisenhower, 8, and Barbara Anne, 7, sat with their grandparents while Susan, 4, went to the nursery Sunday school.

Before entering the church, Eisenhower paused a moment and gave an informal military salute to a group of boys seated gathered across the street. They in turn gave the President an enthusiastic cheer.

The Eisenhower's heard a sermon on "Power to Witness" by the minister, the Rev. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson. He used the text, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses—unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8

men will participate in the 14-day session, one of three such programs scheduled for Salem's Naval Air Reserve units during the spring months.

## Senate Inquiry May Result In ICC Box Car Program

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The tangible result of the Senate's inquiry into the freight car shortage

which perennially afflicts the Pacific Northwest is that the Interstate Commerce Commission will be directed to draft a comprehensive plan by which both industry and government can cure this condition.

This idea was advanced last week by a representative of the Western Forest Industries Association,



## Rhee Running Mate Sees Cooperation

SEOUL, Korea — Chang Myun, South Korea's vice president-elect, said Sunday he thinks he will get along all right with President Syngman Rhee. But he had words of criticism for Rhee's administration.

Chang, a member of the opposition Democratic party, defeated Lee Kee Pong, the nominee of the Liberal party headed by Rhee. The voters returned Rhee, 81, to a third term but the election of Chang and the reduced margin by which Rhee won were regarded as a moral victory for the opposition.

Chang emerged from seclusion to greet foreign correspondents at Seoul's Roman Catholic Cathedral. He said of Rhee:

"I think we'll get along all right. He's a very strong anti-Communist and so am I, no less than he is."

"He's a very great friend of the United States, American educated, and so am I."

"We both believe the Republic of Korea should cooperate with the United States very closely. Dr. Rhee is Christian, as I am, which gives us certain of the same philosophies from a moral point of view."

Chang, 56, is a former ambassador to Washington. He would become president in the event of Rhee's death after the Aug. 13 inauguration.

Chang said he feels he won the vice presidency because "the people" are a little tired of this administration after eight long years. Their general living conditions are very unsatisfactory... there is a lack of ability in the administration... American funds are inefficiently spent."

Chang met with reporters shortly after final unofficial returns from Tuesday's election showed he received 4,012,654 votes to 3,905,502 for Lee Kee Pong. Other vice presidential returns: Lee Bum Suk, Republican party, 322,579; Yoon Chi Yung, independent, 241,278; Paik Sung Wook, independent, 235,556; Invalid, 421,904.

Rhee won 5,046,437 votes compared with 2,163,800 for Cho Bong Am of the Progressive party. There were 1,838,902 invalid ballots, of which about 1,400,000 were cast for Patrick Henry Shinnick, who died May 5.

Rhee's cabinet resigned Sunday—a formal move to permit the President to make changes for his new term.

## Ohio Girl, Fishmonger Repeat Vows

ATHENS, Greece — Mrs. George Milton of Dayton, Ohio, Sunday watched her daughter Elaine marry her fishmonger fiance John Siders.

Mrs. Milton earlier accused Siders of abducting her daughter but relented and consented to the marriage.

Mrs. Milton brought 22-year-old Elaine from Dayton to marry John. The couple became engaged after corresponding for nine months.

Elaine's father, a Dayton restaurant owner, had given his consent and Mrs. Milton also approved. But, after arriving in Athens, Mrs. Milton changed her mind and decided Elaine and John would not marry.

The young couple eloped. This was followed by Mrs. Milton's abduction charge. Since the pair insisted they were in love and Elaine was legally of age, Mrs. Milton finally agreed to the wedding.

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relatively smaller timber operators in the Northwest who are among the hardest hit each summer by the scarcity of boxcars.

It was quickly endorsed by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee which has been holding the inquiry. And this week a resolution was introduced in the Senate calling on the ICC to map out a long range program designed to eliminate future car shortages. The resolution is sponsored by Magnuson and Neuberger (D-Ore.), Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) and Milton Young and William Langer (R-N.D.).

The main complaint against this order from senators has been that it came without prior warning to shippers—and it was admittedly a stopgap measure invoked by the ICC due to a rising shortage of cars.

What the Senate inquiry has come down to is that the ICC should draft an overall plan of attack to wipe out the car shortage problem to the advantage of everyone concerned—shippers, carriers and the public at large—instead of relying on stopgap measures such as Order 910. And whether this means government stepping in with new regulations or subsidies for the railroad industry, Congress is now calling on the ICC to lay the facts and its recommendations before the lawmakers for action.

Shippers to Help Draft In suggesting this approach to the senators, Leonard Netzorg, WFLA counsel, said it would give the ICC the job of coming up with a comprehensive package plan which both shippers and the railroads would help draft. He said it might include ICC requests for additional authority or other laws that might stimulate freight car construction and see to it that the cars are evenly distributed throughout the country.

After commending Netzorg for making "a very justifiable" suggestion, Magnuson pointed out that only two weeks ago the Office of Defense Mobilization at his request had issued rapid tax amortization certificates to railroads for 40,000 more freight cars under construction.

Likened to Indian Plan Netzorg, who previously was assistant solicitor for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, likened the ICC package plan to the program requested by Congress some years ago for integrating American Indians into the main stream of society. The Indian Bureau, as a result, came up with a comprehensive program, and Congress since then has been enacting various bills to implement the Indian plan.

When the boxcar resolution was introduced this week, it was explained to the Senate by Sen. Morse that it would allow for a "searching and intensive study of the entire car shortage problem by the ICC to be followed by recommendations to the Congress for legislation which will once and for all alleviate these annual shortages in rail transportation."

"ICC Ideally Equipped" The ICC, said Morse, "has been in business since prior to the turn of the century. It has accumulated a wealth of facts and experience and is ideally equipped to make a penetrating analysis of this problem."

During the boxcar hearings of the past several months, senators have been critical of the ICC for its recent Order 910, which will halt slow transit shipments of lumber and fruit and vegetables from the Pacific Coast eastward. Many small lumbermen have pro-

tested that this order will put them out of business. While the order has been temporarily held up because of a court injunction issued by the federal district court for Oregon, the ICC intends putting it into effect as soon as this legal barrier is moved aside.

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Hermit' Elijah Still Snowed In Mountains BUEAN VISTA, Colo. —Elijah, the horse, won't greet his fans for a time yet.

He is still snowbound high in Colorado's Collegiate mountain range.

From his point of view this is probably just as well, for his owners say he hates automobiles and women in skirts and in all likelihood fled to the hills to escape people and civilization.

But Elijah's a public figure now, and appearances are in order when he's rescued.

Thursday Elijah—named after the Biblical prophet who was fed by ravens—was to have been a feature attraction helping open the quarterhorse racing season at the Centennial Turf Club track south of Denver.

However, a rescue team that visited Elijah on his lofty perch Saturday said deep snow drifts still block all trails leading from the ridge where the big horse has been stranded since February.

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