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Red China Still Haggling

Readers may have forgotten, but conversations between U. Alexis Johnson, American ambassador to Czechoslovakia and Wan Ping-nan, ambassador of Red China to the same country, are still going on in Geneva. To refresh their memories, we would say that as an outgrowth of the Geneva conference of 1955, the United States and Red China agreed to confer through ambassadors to settle some of the points in dispute between them. The initial demand of the United States was for the release of Americans unjustly held—among them several airmen held since the Korean War. The airmen were released rather promptly, but the others only tardily and some are still held in prison. Of the 41 Americans confined in Red China there are still 13 who are held.

Last week Red China, which has reneged on its original agreement and is constantly haggling in the conversations, came up with a new condition, that the United States release all Chinese held in U. S. jails. There is of course a great difference in the two situations. Already this country has given permission to all Chinese who want to go to Red China to do so. Those held in prison are not political prisoners but ones who have violated laws—nothing so nebulous as "espionage," the conventional accusation of the Reds.

This stubbornness in negotiation injures the cause of Red China in the eyes of Americans. Their rulers show themselves so callous in international relations that the majority of Americans regard them as outside the pale. If they would begin to act like decent world citizens, there would be greater willingness to accept them into the fraternity of nations.

Court Decision Unclear

Until—or unless—the state supreme court submits an opinion supporting its four-to-three decision in which it rejected the mandamus proceeding brought by District Attorney Venn of Lane county, the public—particularly the Lane county public—will not know the specific grounds on which the decision was based. Circuit Judge Frank Reid, against whom the proceedings were directed and who was charged with illegal participation in selection of a grand jury, filed a demurrer to the Venn complaint in which he presented several reasons for denying the writ, as did his attorneys in arguing the case.

The court's decision may have been on technical grounds, such as, that the issue had been decided by Judge Val King sitting in Lane county and the proceeding should not lie against Reid. But what is left unclear is whether the supreme court may assume jurisdiction in event of jury tampering. Since confidence in our judicial system depends in high degree on reliance on the integrity of judges and juries any weakening of that confidence is dangerous.

In this instance the chances are that the local gale will blow itself out. County Clerk Harry Chase of Lane county has already revised his jury selection system to comply strictly with the law. The terms of the present jury will expire in a few days unless it is extended—and prudence certainly dictates that it be dissolved and a new jury chosen. That should settle the situation in Lane county as far as this issue is concerned, but it leaves still in doubt the jurisdiction of the supreme court in cases where accusations of improper selection of jurors are raised.

Democrats poked jabs at McKay and Hitchcock for training their verbal guns on Senator Morse rather than on each other in their recent race for the senatorial nomination. But Adlai and Estes have for the most part followed the same pattern in their campaigning: lambasting the Eisenhower administration. When Estes let loose some below-the-belt blows, Adlai squawked. In other words Democrats do not want to rock their own boat either.

New Secretary of Interior Seaton Said To Be 'Liberal Eisenhower Republican'

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Fred A. Seaton, newly appointed Interior Secretary, can best be described as an Eisenhower Republican, tending to be more liberal than his party as a whole.

This is the indication from his voting record during the year he served in the Senate, as well as his political affiliations down through the years when he was in the more liberal faction of Nebraska politics.

But the voting record of Seaton indicates that on two big issues he was even more liberal than President Eisenhower. He voted for Alaska statehood, which the president does not support, and he opposed giving the tidelands to the coastal states, contrary to the position of the president.

Curiously both are topics that fall within the domain of the Interior Department, although the tidelands question has been settled legislatively. As far as statehood for Alaska is concerned, Seaton is expected to find himself according to the chief executive's wishes on this question.

But most observers expect Seaton

to be more aggressive than his predecessor, Douglas McKay, in trying to win White House support for his ideas. This could possibly lead to a reappraisal of the statehood issue by the president.

Seaton's record in the Senate shows that he has a streak of independence. Taking all of the record votes in which he participated in 1952, Seaton voted with the majority of the GOP in the Senate only 66 per cent of the time.

In addition to breaking with his party on tidelands and statehood, Seaton voted against various GOP attempts to cut the budget of the Corps of Engineers. Seaton backed his party on Niagara power development, voting to give the engineers funds to study its feasibility. Ironically, he was absent when a string of votes were taken on the Interior Department money bill.

Coming from the public power state of Nebraska, he is not averse to using public funds for electric energy development. But he agrees with the current "partnership" power policy under which local utilities are aided in supplying their own power requirements.

Seaton worked hard to help win support from his own party on Capitol Hill for the administration's Upper Colorado reclamation project, a \$760,000,000 federal development involving four Rocky Mountain states.

Some say he was largely responsible for drafting the president's oil bank plan, which has won wide support in Congress and now been signed into law.

Seaton comes by the label "Eisenhower Republican" honestly from the standpoint of in-party loyalties. He was a supporter of Eisenhower months before the Chicago convention in which Eisenhower defeated Sen. Robert A. Taft for the nomination. To do this, Seaton had to go against the prevailing sentiments of his conservative home state and his senior colleague the late Sen. Hugh Butler, who backed Taft.

Prior to this political affiliation, Seaton served Harold E. Stassen as a campaign secretary and earlier, in 1936, was secretary to Alf Landon, the GOP presidential candidate that year.

If Seaton had a small hand in making possible President Eisenhower's initial success in politics, it can be said that the Seaton family even had a hand in launching the five-star general's career. Fred Seaton's father was the assistant to Sen. Joseph L. Bristow (R-Kan.). Bristow served only one term, 1909-1915, during which he at least made one historic decision—he appointed to West Point a Kansas farm boy named Dwight David Eisenhower.

Eels on the March

Lamprey eels, reports the Oregon-City Enterprise-Courier, are swarming up the rocks at the falls of the Willamette on their migration from the sea. The run is annual, following on the tails of Chinook salmon. We had understood that the lampreys attached themselves to the bodies of salmon and sucked away the lives of the latter, as do the landlocked eels in the Great Lakes region where they have played havoc with whitefish and pike, but the E-C quotes fish commission biologists as saying that these lampreys in the Willamette are not salmon predators and that they play a definite part in the upstream habitat relationships of the various species of fish.

Formerly lampreys were caught at the falls and shipped to Astoria for processing into oil and meal for animal feed and fertilizer, but Japanese imports have made this unprofitable. The consequence is that the lampreys pile up on the rocks and create an "overpowering" stench. Indians used to relish lampreys as food as did Europeans, but they have long been out of style for consumption by humans. At Oregon City, they are now virtually a weed organism, whose odor is an offense to human nostrils.

High school students at The Dalles will have the choice of two curriculums next fall. One is college preparatory, the other general education. The first offers courses to equip a student who wants to attend college; the second, says the Chronicle, will give them "basic training needed if they plan to attend business college or some other vocational school which will train them as mechanics, beauticians, etc." This seems a sensible division, except that state institutions of higher learning now accept any high school graduate. This shifts to colleges the lag in preparation of those who took general courses (business, band, shop, etc.) and then decide they want to go to college.

Bobo Olson, who took a second knockout from Sugar Ray Robinson a few weeks ago, went down for the count in court at Redwood City last week on his wife's suit for separate maintenance. As a result the \$90,000 he got from the Robinson bout was whittled down to around \$12,000 for himself. His troubles are not over. Bobo has another family—four children by another woman. Support demands may keep him on the financial mat a long time.

The total of unofficial returns from the primary election give Lowell Pagel of Portland an edge over John Steelhammer of Salem for the tenth spot on the delegation to the GOP convention. The former's lead is given at 257, reversing the previous lead of 14 votes. The official recantulation might change the result—we recall one time John nosed out Farmer Jones for state representative by one vote on the final count.

We might have known that thunderstorm would arrive on Memorial Day. A good many farmers had made their first mowing of hay.

With a rise of twobits in the barber's charge a customer's purse gets clipped as well as his head.

Editorial Comment

INSIDE THE JET LINERS

Jet air-line travel is so imminent that considerable interest is attached to the showing by the Boeing Airplane Co. of a full-scale model of the Boeing jetliner. The jetliner is a 14-passenger plane that will carry up to 14 passengers on trans-Atlantic flights. The jetliner is expected to go into service only three years from now, making the New York to London crossing in six hours and bringing the science of air travel to new heights of speed, comfort and efficiency.

As befits a jet-age craft the new Boeing plane has more seats, more windows and more galley room than most of the aircraft now operating. The idea is to increase not only the seating capacity of the plane but also to provide the services and facilities that passengers want. Both first-class and tourist accommodations will be available and passengers on both types of flight should be able to ride in perfect ease and comfort even while the plane is racing through the skies at 600 miles an hour. Such matters as interior design and lighting are designed to make the six hours' flight time seem almost a matter of moments.

With ten major airlines already planning to take the Boeing jetliner it seems obvious that the spacious and speedy jets will soon become familiar to thousands of air passengers in the United States and other lands. Judging by the model just demonstrated they are in for a comfortable as well as a swift ride to Europe. Certainly Boeing has provided travelers with a dazzling glimpse into the future—a future that is almost upon us.

—New York Herald Tribune

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



...and difficult decisions face this class! ... Which of the many jobs we are offered, promise the shortest hours! ... The best working conditions! ... The highest pay? ...



Just because the local weather prophets will be sending up those big weather balloons from now on doesn't mean the Salem area will be deluged with a rain of weather instruments. Four- seven-foot, helium-filled bags, with instruments attached, will be released daily. They drift to a height of 15 to 20 miles in about 70 to 90 minutes. Then they burst and drift down via parachutes. But because they go so high and drift so far the likelihood of their dropping in on a Salem household is remote. Even when released from the Portland station the Salem weather bureau recovered only about one a month in this area.



And even if found, the weather bureau doesn't offer a reward for the return of the instruments anymore. Mostly because while more of the instruments have gone up they have also come down in price. Now they cost the government only a few bucks. Weathermen say one advantage of moving the balloon-releasing activity from Portland to Salem will be more accurate weather forecasting, especially in the matter of predicting maximum and minimum temperatures. The Columbia gorge winds gave these sack scouts a bad time in Portland.

"On Center," well-edited publication printed at the State Hospital by and for alcoholics, ran into a little trouble on its last issue. Seems a problem drinker patient was addressing copies being sent to foreign countries. His job was to write on the wrappers the words, "Unsealed Printed Matter." Well after about half the foreign mail was sent out somebody picked up a wrapper and noticed it bore the inscription, "Unprintable Sealed Matter."

Herb Johnston, long-time Salem radio announcer, moves from KSLM to KGAE. Which means this'll make the third time in 10 years Herb will work for Earle Headrick, now KGAE manager. Herb is rounding out 22 years in radio. In the West his dulcet tones have been heard over KGW, KEX, and KXL, and on several eastern stations. And speaking of radio (and TV) one local housewife says she has solved the daily soap opera problem. She tunes in on each one only once a week—the plots move so slowly, she says, she can pick up the loose threads and have a bead on future hysterical situations all in one sitting.

Items to file under the wallpaper... Marion County offers a \$250 bounty on seals... The state highway dept. also has an anti-segregation problem—trying to figure out ways to dump gravel on new roads so that the fine particles don't get segregated from the larger rocks... Gov. Elmo Smith must have forgotten his newspaper training. A press release from his office contains a sentence nearly 200 words long—enough to turn even a bald city editor grey... But an even more puzzling release arrived from the AMVETS the other day—the envelope contained a blank sheet of paper—enough to turn a greying city editor bald.

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.)

GOOD SAMARITAN

What Californians Think of Oregonians

To the Editor:

While traveling through Oregon the brakes on our car loosened up. We stopped at a service station to have them tightened.

Due to an oversight on his part the mechanic tightened them too tight, causing them to lock when we had driven some thirty miles. The car stopped and we could go no further.

We were on our way to Seattle to the funeral of a relative so were in a hurry.

So there we were, not knowing what to do, when several people stopped to help, but there was one who really went out of his way to help us and would not take a penny for all he did for us.

This man was Mr. B. F. Taylor, 625 E. Ewald St., Salem, Oregon. He was on his way to work but was a little early and certainly proved himself a Good Samaritan. He already had a young hitchhiker with him, but he took us clear back to where we had our brakes tightened and saw to it that the service man came out and fixed our car so we could continue on our way.

Mr. Taylor went 64 miles out of his way to do this for us and would take nothing but "Thanks."

The service mechanic also was very nice about the whole thing. He went out and drove our car and let us drive his car into Grants Pass to the DeSoto garage where the boys worked until 10:30 p.m. putting

our car in shape with no cost to us, so we could get on our way early the next morning.

The service station attendant got us a motel and the lady knowing we were going to have to wait up for the delivery of our car brought a radio to our room for entertainment.

We have never found so many nice people or been treated as royally as in passing through Oregon.

We would like to take this means through your paper to thank everyone who befriended us so kindly. Just wish there were more people like them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rockwell
1335 So. School St., Lodi, Cal.

Better English

BY D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He thought it was them who the lightning struck."

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

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Traitorous, treacherous, troussseau, troussseau.

4. What does the word "vernal" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with pe that means "thoughtful"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He thought it was THEY WHOM the lightning struck."

2. Pronounce impetus, accent on first syllable.

3. Traitorous, 4. Treacherous, 5. Vernal.

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one)

state and the support of the astute Tammany leader, Carmine DeSapio, hopes to be the one who will get the call. Texas is offering Sen. Lyndon Johnson, Senate majority leader, as its favorite son. Johnson can match Eisenhower as a recent victim of heart trouble, but is realistic enough not to anticipate getting the nomination himself. Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri is the "grey horse" that some are betting on if the balloting extends very long. His biography is being published showing him as a successful business man, secretary for air under President Truman and now senator from Missouri (who had to defeat Truman's choice to win).

The Democrats face two problems. One is the apparent overwhelming popularity of President Eisenhower, the other the cleavage within his own ranks over the segregation issue. This is the burning issue down South. Both Stevenson and Kefauver made clear their acceptance of the Supreme Court's verdict. Stevenson's program of moderation gives him favor over Kefauver in this respect, for the latter is regarded as one who has defected from his own section. Harriman would face the solid opposition of the South because he stands as the foe of moderation, the disciple of the New and Fair Deals.

The California primaries are next Tuesday. That will end the public campaigning, but the political managers will be busy working in the states where delegations are still to be named and with delegates who are uncommitted or, as backers of favorite sons, likely prospects for deals which are the stock in trade of political manipulators.

The Democratic convention in Chicago comes just before the Republican session in San Francisco; a reversal of the usual order. With the renomination of Eisenhower and Nixon at the latter virtually assured (D.V.) it will be the Democrats who will provide the real show at a national convention this year.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

June 1, 1946

A total of \$32,007 toward the \$150,000 goal in the Salem YWCA building campaign was reported when workers met for the drive's second report luncheon. Mrs. H. G. Maison, drive chairman, presided.

25 Years Ago

June 1, 1931

William Einzig was named secretary of the State Board of Control by Governor Meier and Treasurer Rufus C. Holman. He takes the place of Carle Abrams, who resigned.

40 Years Ago

June 1, 1916

A feature of the Memorial Day parade and services which attracted much attention was the Spanish War Veterans with their auxiliary and children. The women of the auxiliary made a pleasing appearance in their white uniforms.

Court Upholds

Damage Claim

A Woodburn couple, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hopper, were made \$20,000 richer Monday when the State Supreme Court upheld a Marion County Circuit Court judgment for damages from an October, 1955, traffic accident.

By its verdict the state court denied an appeal by the Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Express Company to have Circuit Judge George Duncan's original judgment set aside.

The Hoppers began separate suits in 1951 based on an early morning accident in Woodburn in which both Mr. and Mrs. Hopper were hospitalized after their car and a truck leased by the express company collided. In their original complaints Mrs. Hopper asked \$16,229 damages, while her husband sought \$62,774.

Monday's decision was based on a judgment given to Mr. Hopper.

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Seed Specialist Gives Price Guessing Tricks

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Farm Editor, The Statesman

Government has sold out everything but tall fescue seed in the line of forage seeds. Ray H. Teal, seed and grain marketing specialist, said Thursday in making his first late spring "pricing guessing" report.

Teal prefaced his report with a

comment that while seed growers have many of their production problems behind them their biggest problem and interest now lies in the how, when and where and at what price to market their crops.

Price forecasting for seeds is difficult, Teal admits, because there are so many factors that the forecaster cannot foresee or even get necessary information about in time.

Some Guesses

But the seed grower has to make some "guesses", Teal points out, so that he can plan marketing and the fall work. He suggests basing the price-guessing tries on the following points:

1. Amount of old seed still owned by growers, dealers, and the government. Official report on this will not be available until early August which is too late to help in any constructive guessing.

Known now is that the government has sold out everything but tall fescue seed and that has been moving for export. Growers' and dealers' holdings reports are not available until August 2.

2. The size of the new crop. Indications are now that production of several seeds will be smaller in the United States this year than last. Oregon was hurt badly by winter freezes. Low prices last year also discouraged some growers. Lack of feed early, has encouraged some farmers to pasture their grass fields.

3. The export market. England and Denmark are buying seeds from the U.S. in substantial quantities according to trade reports.

4. Imports. Less competition expected from Europe this year if reports of winter damage are true. Competition from Canada will depend upon new crop there, information on which will be available soon.

5. Use of seeds in this country. The Soil Bank plan is certain to cause greater use of seeds this fall and next spring.

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Former Salem

News Writer

Visits Here

George E. Jones, former Salem newspaper man who since has been a widely known war correspondent and staff member of several national publications, re-minisced with old acquaintances on a visit here Thursday.

Jones, with the United Press and Capital Journal here from 1937 through 1939, is now on the domestic staff for U.S. News and World Report, Washington, D.C. During World War II he served as a correspondent in the South Pacific, covering several major engagements.

Later Jones was on the foreign staff of the New York Times and foreign staff of Time Magazine.

A graduate of University of Oregon, Jones was on the staff of the Eugene Register-Guard prior to coming to Salem. His visit to Salem came en route back to Washington, D.C., from special assignment in the Los Angeles area.

Ruling Says

Auto Checks

Not Insurance

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