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Vetoes Invasion of Powers

The Statesman commends President Eisenhower for his veto of the two billion dollar military construction bill. As passed, the bill tied strings to the Defense department on the development of the Talos guided missile which the Navy has been working on. According to the language of the bill the appropriation relating to the Air Force's guided missile program would not become effective "until the secretary of defense shall have come into agreement with the Armed Services committees of the Senate and House" with respect to the use of the Talos missiles. President Eisenhower returned the bill without his signature, citing this provision as a violation of the fundamental principle of separation of powers.

As we have pointed out before, committees of the Congress (and of our State Legislature) have been encroaching on administrative power by tying such strings to bills. This time the string was apparent in the very language of the bill. At other times there may be a side letter. Thus Bonneville Power Administration scrapped its extension of a transmission line to Klamath Falls on the basis of a letter from a House or Senate subcommittee. In Oregon, the emergency board persists in exercising unconstitutional powers with respect to spending of appropriated funds.

We are glad President Eisenhower rejected this bill, and wish state administrative officials would resist similar legislative encroachments. The President's veto accomplished results, for the bill is being redrafted promptly without the offending provision. The legislative body can write laws, but its duty and its responsibility end when the law is passed.

State Board of Agriculture

The farmers are busy harvesting their crops. Congress has disposed of farm legislation. The weather is hot, and it seems quite an inappropriate time to discuss Marshall Dana's proposal to abolish the State Board of Agriculture or else give it more powers such as to designate the director of agriculture. (In weather like this the board itself would probably favor the former step.)

At its origin in 1931 the State Board of Agriculture was made advisory in character. Creation of the department by consolidating several previously independent agencies was one of the reforms of the Julius Meier administration. Complaint was heard from the first that the board, representing various segments of agriculture, lacked power. About the only real authority given it was when administration of the Milk Price Control Act was washed onto it, and a public member (Dana) appointed. When milk price control was repealed this lone power was terminated.

We believe the department is getting along very well as it is. It is primarily a regulatory body and so lends itself well to single administrative type of organization. It probably would function all right if the board made the appointment rather than the governor, but not any better. The board fills a useful purpose as an advisory body, though it could be abolished without serious damage to the functioning of the department.

President Eisenhower has called on Republican leaders in Congress to make a "last ditch" effort to revive the school aid bill. The call comes too late; the last ditch has been flooded out.

Republicans to Try Electronic Campaign While Demos Rely on Whistle-Stopping

BY JOSEPH AND EWARD ALBOP

WASHINGTON — Is television a new and revolutionary political instrument, destined to change radically and forever the style of the American political campaign? Or is it just another medium, among many, for reaching the voters?

The coming election ought to give a fair idea of the answers to these questions, simply because the Republican campaign strategists are proceeding on the first assumption, and the Democrats on the second.

The Republican campaign will be pitched directly at the viewers of the nation's 40 million television sets. The pitch will start in earnest at the Republican convention in San Francisco. Republican Chairman Len Hall and Campaign Director Robert Humphreys have recruited Hollywood actor George Murphy to direct the convention, much as a Hollywood director directs a motion picture.

Murphy's problem is more complicated, of course. His main object is to keep the television viewers glued to their sets, despite a total lack of suspense about the outcome, right up to the grand climax of the President's acceptance speech. To that end, he hopes to treat the television viewers to an orderly and entertaining spectacle, rather than a continuing mob scene.

But conventional delegates, though sheep-like in other re-

spects, are not subject to orders as movie extras. No convention in history, for example, has ever started on schedule. Murphy plans to deal with this problem by recruiting the most attractive Hollywood attractions—like not Marilyn Monroe—the next best thing—to appear on the platform at 10 in the morning. With the heavy-eyed delegates thus lured by beauty from their beds, the gavel will bang before a full house at 11. And the show will get under way.

If the Hall-Humphreys-Murphy plan works out, the convention will be just that—a show, and a good one. There will be plenty of professionally acted plays and pageants, naturally extolling all things Republican, to carry the television viewers through the dull spots. And there will be an absolute minimum of long-winded speeches.

According to present plans, the main speakers will be former President Herbert Hoover and Thomas E. Dewey. But Hoover, Dewey and other speakers will be used to keep their speeches to a maximum of 25 minutes—hardly a warm-up for the traditional convention speech, and large numbers of would-be orators—like George Bender, hard-pressed Ohio Senator—are being politely but sternly discouraged.

Other still tentative convention plans include a televised dramatization of the Republican platform, with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, for example, briefly summarizing the foreign policy plank and speaking more or less off the cuff on "what Eisenhower foreign policy means for our future." The whole show, of course, will be a build-up for the climactic moment, the President's acceptance speech. The climax may be delayed to Thursday, August 23, instead of Wednesday as originally planned, in

order both to appease the San Francisco merchants and allow more time for the build-up.

The campaign to follow will be aimed equally squarely at the voter with a television set. More than \$2 million in television time has already been contracted for, through the advertising firm of Baillet, Barton, Durstine, and Osborne. The time will be divided between 35 "five-minute" spots on major shows and 10 full half-hour periods on national hook-ups.

The President himself is expected to appear on only five or six of the half hour shows, although this number may well be upped in the heat of the campaign. The other periods will be devoted to what Chairman Hall likes to call "productions," rather than speeches—perhaps a serial report by cabinet members, perhaps a cabinet meeting, shows like last winter's successful "Salute to Eisenhower," and so on. Closed circuit television will also be used, so that the President can "say a few words" to Republican get-togethers about the country.

As these plans suggest, Chairman Hall and the other Republican strategists are convinced that modern merchandising methods married to television have basically altered traditional political techniques. The Democrats scoff at this theory, perhaps because they simply don't have the money to pay for the Republican kind of television campaign. Only the traditional whistle stopping, the Democrats claim, can lead a campaign the needed color, movement and vigor. The election in November should provide some interesting clues on whether, as the Republican strategists believe, we are in the midst of an "electronic revolution in politics."

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Everyone seemed to be on vacation... Highways were crowded, motels were full and the kids had to stand in line at gas station rest rooms!"



What's happening to the nation's culture? Gobel goes off the air. Marilyn takes off for England. Then the circus closes down. And now comes news the Met has throttled itself — for a year, anyway. On top of it all the kids had a firecrackerless July 4. But there are some bright spots. The sale of Bermuda shorts is booming. Salem has its summer band concert series. And with this hot weather the papers should soon be full of cultural pictures of girls sitting on cakes of ice in their bathing suits...

Ridley Miller, Marion County veterans service officer, was sitting in his courthouse office the other day minding his own business, when a bat walked in. Not an elderly witch, but a real Dracula type bat—with neared eyes and collapsible wings. Well, when the bat showed no desire to fill out a service-connected disability form or a home-loan blank, Ridley popped him (or her) into an envelope and handed it to the building superintendent. "He may have been a veteran," Ridley explained, "but I don't believe he could show an honorable discharge..."

Lillie Madsen, Statesman farm editor, accompanied a load of 10 sheep to Portland market this week. But when she and her husband, Harold Larsen, arrived there, they found three sheep missing from the trailer. They sought the sheep on the way home, but couldn't find them. When they didn't come home wagging their tails behind them Harold set out to search again. He finally found two near a grain field near Mt. Angel. And the next day he found the other one, near the same place. Seems the sheep had slipped through a hole in the moving trailer. Moved by both Biblical and current market quotations, Harold rejoiced a little when he found the last lost sheep...

When the Salem Lions Club went to the dogs 20 years ago, it did a good job. From a doggone small beginning the club's annual dog show has grown so fast that the 20th annual show at the State Fairgrounds Sunday will be the second largest in the Pacific Northwest this year. Dog fanciers the nation over recognize the Salem show as one of the finest. "Purpose of these shows," says Harry Willett, guide-dog of the shows since their beginning, "is to improve the breeds of dogs. If these shows suddenly were to be eliminated, inside of 20 years you'd have nothing but mongrels." A nasty thought for letter carriers, anyway...

Although the winning entries get nothing but trophies, ribbons and prestige, the judges make pretty good money. One of the judges at the Sunday show here, Jerome Halle of Cleveland, will receive a \$600 fee. Several other judges will get \$500 each. But because these judges will work a similar show in Portland on Saturday, half their fees will be paid by the Portland group. For Halle, a department store owner, judging dog shows is a profitable hobby. But it's a full time deal with another judge, Mrs. W. C. Edmiston of Raleigh, Neb. Selwyn Harris of New York is one of the nation's top dog show judges and makes a good living at it...

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.)

HISTORY OR FICTION? To the Editor: This morning's Oregonian discreetly buries (on page 4, next to Dennis the Menace) a three column-inch AP story from San Francisco: Herbert Hoover will address the Republican convention, August 21 next, on the personal invitation of President Eisenhower.

The Statesman, by coincidence no doubt, front pages the same item right above DEATH KNELL SOUNDS ON GIANT RINGLING CIRCUS; but reduces the story to less than one column-inch under an almost invisible headline, and omits to mention Ike's invitation to the Great Humanitarian, ex-President. I wonder though. Ought not this personal invitation to be emphasized—and as usual applauded—as still another example—like his insistence on Nixon as running mate—of Eisenhower's leadership of the Republican party along progressive lines?

Ivan Lovell Rt. 3, Salem P.S.—Truly to be applauded, I think, is the decision of librarian Hugh Morrow to put the controversial "Documented Record of Senator Wayne Morse" uncatalogued in the pamphlet section of the City Library. Looks like a neat solution for the problem of deciding whether the State GOP's latest concoction should be listed under "History" or "Fiction."

"POLITICAL CONNING" To the Editor: Your Washington correspondent, A. Robert Smith (Statesman—July 16) tells of the political brawl into which Hells Canyon has been precipitated. Should government build a high dam, or should private power construct three lower dams in the same stretch of canyon? The answer calls for a comprehensive study in hydrography, which probably has been completed. The high dam has marked advantages over multiple construction as we are told by school-boy geometry. The same juvenile authority says that the high dam would cost much more than all three lower dams. Is the superiority in potential service worth the cost? Congress has the responsibility of decision, but must weigh carefully between competing engineers who, for some reasons and in their appraisal of long range values. When one plan is adopted, the other scheme is dead for keeps. Certainly this provides no atmosphere appropriate to the political connivances on which Mr. Smith has reported. D. B. Cooper 420 Fairview Avenue

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1) relatively few fishermen and campers who wanted to penetrate the wilderness. Now "multiple use" has hit the forests with a bang. Over 70 per cent of the stand of old growth timber is now under federal administration, chiefly in the national forests. With the reduction in privately owned timber the demand for timber from federal forests increases. This calls for selling plans and conditions, for notices of sale and contracts and checking on contractor performance. Access roads are a necessity since today's log transportation from the woods is by motor truck. Appropriated funds are not sufficient so sales contracts are arranged in which the successful bidder constructs the roads. These are built to good specifications — 18 inches of crushed rock on a grade laid with adequate drainage. The Willamette district has a thousand miles of roads and about a hundred more are added each year.

The road system is the key to successful forest management. Not only does the timber crop come out over the roads, but after that they provide access for replanting, for fire suppression and of course for extensions for additional cuttings. Road system importance, both for economic planning is therefore of any of the timber haul and for future management uses.

Another use whose dimensions are growing is recreation. At all the camp spots we saw campers and picnickers, sometimes in considerable numbers. On week-ends and holidays people swarm to these forest recesses by stream or lakeshore to "get away from it all." In this, conflicts over resource use arise, the latest being the one over diversion of waters of the Upper McKenzie for power generation by the Eugene Water and Electric Board. We stopped again at Clear Lake and at the falls in the McKenzie just below—Sahalie and Kooah—and rejoiced that the people of Eugene had voted down the bond issue for the power project. One has only to visit Sahalie Falls to join in the prayer that they will never be molested. Here the considerable flow of the Upper McKenzie seems to leap over the rock rim to fall in a tumult of spray and noise into the pool below.

A proposed redrawing of the line of the Three Sisters Wilderness area has also provoked controversy. A hearing on this has been held and the decision rests with the Department of Agriculture. Supervisor Auferheide has set up a special project for a study of land use. Mapping now is being done in the section from Fish Lake past Clear Lake and down to the turn in the river at Belknap Springs. The bureau of public roads is building a new highway between the Santiam Highway and the McKenzie right along this route, so planning for the increased use by recreationists is timely. In general the plans call for leaving forest corridors as screens along the highways, to open up scenic vistas and to establish a sufficient number of picnic and camping spots for public convenience. The big handicap here is lack of funds, for they come only through congressional appropriation. Numerous bills have been offered to provide more money. Sen. Neuberger has one to authorize a study of the subject. The forest service itself plans to make such a study following somewhat the pattern of the National Parks service which came up with its "Mission 66" program.

One thing I want to report and that is, the awareness of the forest service to the importance of restoration. We saw many cut-over tracts where the new growth is evident in ample volume. The great problem is how to renew the stands on south slopes. Experimentation indicates that soil temperature is an important determining factor. When temperatures get to 120 and above, the mortality among seedlings is heavy. We saw some experimental plots in the H. J. Andrews experimental forest in the McKenzie district where temperatures and soil cover types are under study—the cooler the cover the better chance the seedlings have for survival. Incidentally foresters over Western Oregon are happy this year because there is a fine crop of cones on the conifers. This will permit a big harvest of seeds for future plantings.

In this same experimental forest studies are being made on stream runoff both as to quantity and siltation where forest-cuttings are made. The harvest plot in the national forest now is by staggered settings or patches. This system has many advantages, helping to confine fires and giving some benefit from natural reforestation, also helping to conserve moisture for slower runoff. All snags are felled under the cutting contracts and slashings are burned to reduce fire damage. Reforesting or replanting is done then.

Pressures will increase on these forests both for timber for hungry saws and for spots sacred for recreation. Both purposes are laudable. One must not shut out the other, and under responsible management need. The forest administration needs the support in its effort to balance these pressures and to serve to the maximum degree all the legitimate demands to be made on our forest-land-water resources under its care.

Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago July 19, 1946

On the first leg of their trip to establish homesteads in Alaska, two brothers, Howard and Donald Flynn, and their wives, left Salem by chartered plane for Anchorage. The Flynns saved their defense plant earnings and planned the project during the war.

25 Years Ago July 19, 1831

Long-awaited legal organization of the Salem Linen Mills, successor to the Oregon Linen company, was completed in Portland with the election of John C. Veatch as president.

40 Years Ago July 19, 1916

The police department makes the announcement that the city ordinances against speeding and riding bicycles on the sidewalks will be enforced strictly. Chief Welch stated that motorcycles were speeding and leaving the mufflers open, making themselves double nuisances.

Nagging Backache Sleepless Nights

Nagging backache, headache, or muscular aches and pains may come on with over-exercising, emotional upset or due to day stress and strain. And folks who eat and drink unwisely sometimes suffer mild bladder irritation... with that restless, uncomfortable feeling. If you are miserable and worn out because of these discomforts, Dr. Don's Pills often help by their pain relieving action, by their soothing effect to ease bladder irritation, and by their mild diuretic action through the kidneys. Dr. Don's Pills are the only pills of the 15 miles of kidney tubes. Dr. Don's Pills makes you feel refreshed, more energetic, with restful, sleepless nights. Don't wait! Dr. Don's Pills, get the same happy relief millions have enjoyed for over 25 years. Ask for new, large Economy size and save money. Get Don's Pills today!

Salem's Water Supply

Undented by Weather

(Weather story on Page One) The current hot spell has failed to make any serious dent in the city's water supply through Wednesday, according to Water Department Manager John Geren. "We're in good shape," said Geren. The city's 100-million gallon reservoir at Turner measures 24 feet, which is only three feet below overflow stage of 27 feet. Use of water by residents has progressively increased the past several days as the mercury climbed. But Geren said there is no immediate danger of the Turner reservoir reaching the stage of last summer when it was virtually drained of water. No complete figures were available on water usage Wednesday when the mercury hit 104 degrees, but Geren made an estimate of 23 million gallons. Water measurements are taken from over a 24-hour period starting at 9 a.m. each day.

21 Million Gallons

Water Department figures showed 21 million gallons used Tuesday for irrigation and other purposes when maximum hit 95. Monday's figure was 19 million, 13 million gallons were drawn from the reservoir last Sunday and on Saturday water-users took care of 16 million gallons. A week ago last Sunday when the mercury reached 102, residents poured 17,400 million gallons through hoses and faucets. Geren said there was some strain on pumping facilities early Wednesday evening to get water to high-level areas of the city. Peak of water usage each year usually falls in mid-August when hot weather overlaps into capacity operations by water-hungry canneries, Geren said.

Little Concerned

Geren added that the city's water users apparently are little concerned with new rates which virtually double the cost of irrigation and other home uses. The new rate setup, which first appeared on billings after July 1, includes discontinuance of special reduced summer irrigation rates, in effect for a number of years. Last summer's virtual draining of the Turner reservoir because of heavy hot-weather water usage actually was a blessing in disguise. It gave impetus to a ball measure for a new water supply line from Stayton, which was approved by voters at the last election. In case of a future water emergency, the new line will be of great help. Geren said engineers currently are doing preliminary designs for the new line.

RAILROAD CAR OFFICE

CRAIG, Colo. — Craig's Chamber of Commerce offices are housed in the old railroad car which once served as private car for David Moffat, pioneer railroader who brought the railroad to Craig in 1912.

Ex-State Auditor Quizzed in Illinois State Fund Shortage

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Orville E. Hodge, key figure in an investigation of alleged irregularities involving more than a half million dollars in state cash, underwent questioning for almost five hours Wednesday. Hodge, Republican politician who quit Monday as state auditor, had the long conference with State's Atty. George P. Coutrakon. The prosecutor declined to disclose details.

"I don't have any promises of a plea of guilty," Coutrakon stated at a news conference. "I haven't made any promises. None were discussed." Hodge said he will waive immunity when he appears before the Sangamon County grand jury next week, and has stated he will make restitution to the extent of his resources. The investigation revolves about the cashing of state auditor warrants — they are orders to pay like checks — totaling some \$340,000.

Coutrakon declined to answer newsmen's questions about where the money went. The prosecutor also said Hodge didn't have full knowledge of what went on in his office. Hodge left the Sangamon County courthouse under an agreement that he will return for further questioning at 9:30 a.m. Friday. Coutrakon announced he will try to place the Hodge statement before the grand jury Monday and then will release a summary of it to newsmen. Edward A. Epping, who was Hodge's chief lieutenant — but not on the state payroll — said he had delivered some of Hodge's personal records to the Internal Revenue Service. The federal tax collecting agency had requested them. Embezzlement Charge The prosecution obtained a warrant Tuesday charging Epping with embezzling 15 state auditor warrants adding up to \$180,000. But Coutrakon withdrew the warrants Wednesday. He said the state checks listed in the warrant were not found in a raid on Epping's apartment Tuesday night. Hence, the prosecution said, he had no "records to support" the embezzlement charge. Hugh Dobbs, Epping's attorney, said Epping is ready to cooperate in the inquiry and has "not knowingly committed any criminal offense."

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Succumbs



Mrs. Frank Benson, 96, widow of a former Oregon governor, died at a Salem hospital Tuesday night.

Rites Today For Widow of Ex-Governor

(See story on Page 1.)

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Virgil T. Golden Chapel for Mrs. Frank Benson, 96, widow of a former Oregon governor and secretary of state. She died at a Salem hospital Tuesday night. Mrs. Benson was born July 7, 1866 in Chicago, Ill. With her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Benjamin, she came west as a young girl to Canyonville, Ore., in 1870. The family moved to Roseburg in 1872. There her father was active in public affairs and was for a time publisher of the Plain Dealer newspaper in that city. She was married in Roseburg to Frank W. Benson in 1883. Her husband was then superintendent of Douglas County schools. Later he was elected county clerk. He was admitted to the State Bar in 1898 and practiced law in Roseburg until his election as secretary of state. The Bensons were parents of two sons, Wallace, a Reedsport attorney who died several years ago, and Clifford, who now resides in Oakland, Calif. Mrs. Benson also is survived by five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. A grandson, Allen Benson, resides in Salem. The Rev. Wayne Greene will officiate at the funeral services and interment will follow at Roseburg Friday at 2 p.m.

Jersey Club Plans Sale at Ontario

ONTARIO — The Oregon Jersey Cattle Club will sponsor its seventh annual heifer sale here Oct. 27. Club officials said the emphasis this year will be on top quality animals. Directors of the organization will hold a day-long session Oct. 26. REMINDER PAYS OFF — On the day Panama City, Fla. — On the day Panama City citizens were to vote on bonds for a countywide water system, Panama City radio station WJLP kept the issue in everyone's mind by playing no music all day except the song "Cool Water." The voters approved the water system by a huge majority.