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Herter for Vice President

It is indeed unique for a member of the White House entourage to head a movement counter to the expressed preference of the chief executive. This is what Harold Stassen is doing in declaring his intention to do all he can to obtain the nomination of Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts for Vice President.

The Stassen move is the first positive eruption of long felt discontent with Richard Nixon. No one else was ready to take the lead, and it is doubtful now if many will fall in behind Stassen. The latter has lost considerable of the glamor that attended him as a presidential hopeful in 1944 and after.

There is a considerable element in the Republican party who like Eisenhower only to the extent that he can win the election. They are more inclined to favor Nixon and certainly will not desert him for renomination.

At any rate, it is not likely that the senatorial crowd will get behind Herter of Massachusetts. For one thing, he really is an internationalist—he was born abroad (but his birth was promptly registered at a U. S. consulate); he was one of Herbert Hoover's helpers in war relief; he has been a strong advocate of active participation by the U. S. in world affairs.

Writers Find AEC Chief's Bomb Statement On Fallouts Unclear; 'Clean Object' Weighed

By JOSEPH AND STEWART

WASHINGTON — A few days ago, Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Lewis Strauss issued a statement about the recent Pacific hydrogen tests, which could be of thoroughly disingenuous, and wholly false in its reassuring implications.

It isn't just the good things that must come to an end, as the old saw says. This time it's the hayfever season and there won't be any moaning at the announcement that Oregon's pollen count is dropping rapidly from its seasonal high of mid-June.

The answer lies in the nature of SAC's mission. A high burst of hydrogen bombs would certainly tear the heart out of a great city. But tearing the heart out of cities is only a small part of SAC's grim job. The great bulk of SAC's bomb stockpile is certainly assigned in the war plans to Soviet and satellite air bases.

In case of global war, the Soviet airfields—300 in Europe alone, according to General Gruentier, and many more in Soviet territory—must be destroyed at all costs. If the Western allies are to survive physically, the Soviet air bases can only be surely knocked out with ground bursts.

A house in a city, which can take only two pounds of blast pressure, might be knocked down by an air burst hydrogen bomb at a range of fifteen miles. But reinforced underground structures, such as the Soviets are building on their more important bases, can withstand up to a hundred pounds of blast pressure, and thick concrete runways far more than that. Thus SAC simply cannot depend on the blast from high air bursts to knock out the Soviet air bases.

Thus the fact that the AEC has exploded a hydrogen bomb at high altitude—which is almost certainly the real meaning of the Strauss statement—has little strategic significance, and provides no cause for reassurance among our allies. For this reason, and other reasons which will be examined in another report on this unhappy subject, it is time, and past time, to rethink the comfortable theory that American security can be based exclusively on the deterrent effect of the American stockpile of "dirty bombs."

Apocalypse or Armageddon?

Writing about the intercontinental missile, Dorothy Thompson says: "The great powers have the apocalypse by the tail." A colorful metaphor; but with this missile maybe the devil has all mankind by the nape of the neck. The ultimate Armageddon may be just 'round the corner.

A recent announcement was made that American inventors now have succeeded in controlling the fallout so the decimation by radiation may not be as great as was feared—one officer said it might extend to hundreds of millions. But if we get into all-out war, who will put the brakes on the fallout? During the last war both sides did a lot of saturation bombing.

The old code of warfare which sought to spare neutrals and noncombatants was blown up in the first World War when Germans launched unrestrained submarine warfare. In the second World War bombers devastated cities—Hiroshima and Nagasaki were obliterated to demonstrate the new power which the United States possessed.

If scientists perfect intercontinental missiles armed with H-bombs and the military once starts using them, perhaps the proper hope would be that a complete job of destroying the human race might be done. However, we still cling to the righteous hope that wars may be contained, and these super-weapons of annihilation will be kept within laboratories and arsenals.

Riding a Tiger

The new party boss in Hungary has purged Gen. Farkas, former minister of defense. He was found guilty of various charges, but his principal guilt lay in having been a staunch supporter of the former premier, Imre Nagy. Farkas was not only ousted from all his official jobs, but was kicked out of the Communist party, the ultimate humiliation.

So far neither Nagy nor Farkas has been executed. This inclination toward humanitarism may be hailed as a sign of reform in Communist countries, but it certainly breeds trouble for the future. Communist rule has never thrived save by show and exercise of force. If purges are allowed to live, they surely will become zones of infection to threaten the downfall of the regime.

That is why they never allow free elections in Communist countries. The new "liberals" in the Communist world (if they are liberals) are riding a tiger.

No Extension of Lane Probe

Gov. Elmo Smith, acting on advice of Robert Thornton, attorney general, has declined to extend the investigation in Lane County as requested by District Attorney Venn. The attorney general told the governor, he felt his work was finished in presenting the evidence to the grand jury which failed to render any indictment against Judge Reid, accused of interfering with impelling of a grand jury. As Thornton said, "The authority of the grand jury in this field is supreme."

That will end this investigation. It will hardly end the controversy in Lane County where friends of Reid have launched a recall against Venn, while others have risen to Venn's defense. It is easy to anticipate that this dispute will be a factor in future elections in Lane County where Venn or Reid may be candidates.

President Eisenhower has approved five counties in Nebraska as eligible for drought relief, and has qualified the town of Mitchell to receive federal flood relief. It used to be that disasters were borne by the individuals that were hit, with such friendly assistance as neighbors could extend.

In the case of large disasters, the American Red Cross moved in both for emergency relief and for rehabilitation—as it still does, even for minor disasters. Now the federal treasury is tapped as members of Congress seek to show their eagerness to do something for their home districts—at federal expense.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I am the champion of home and mother!... And of the sinner, when mother isn't there!"

Comes the Dawn by Conrad Prange

Most timely piece of political campaign material ever put out in these parts are the real cool items circulated now by Robert Holmes, Democratic candidate for governor. They are in the shape of wearable cardboard sunshades and bear the inscription, "Don't Be Blinded To The Issues." That's one thing nice about these political campaigns—eyeshades and cold falls in the summer, and hot air in the fall...



And speaking of politics, many a heated voter, who, back in frigid May, voted down funds which would have provided the city with a third swimming pool, probably wishes now he had been a little warmer to the project. Especially if he's been trying to elbow his way these days into those jammed pools...

Remember that six-story we ran the other day in all that heat about Con Miller, who plays Santa Claus the year-round at the town of North Pole, Alaska? Story told how Con, the mail postmaster and storekeeper in North Pole, keeps the Christmas spirit burning all year by putting the North Pole in his Christmas letters. Anyway, Mrs. Al Walker of Salem called to say that Con is her cousin. And until she picked up the paper that morning, had not seen or heard from or about him for over 21 years. Christmas for Mrs. Walker came early this year... And sure enough, the day the mercury here was blowing its top, a local radio disc-demon rolled out a sweaty "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!"

A Salem couple, in search of some cool breathing-type air, took off for the beach Sunday about 4 p.m. Naturally they ran head-on into swarms of motorists who had been to the coast and were headed back to the old grind. So heavy was the valleybound traffic that the female half of the couple (tired of reading those Burma Shave signs) counted 1,180 cars met between Grand Ronde and the entrance to Ocean Lake...

A note from Republican state headquarters says public reception to the Central Committee's big campaign effort, "The Documented Record of Sen. Wayne Morse," had been so good that "we are down to one file copy." A second run will be available early next month—which should build up a lot of surplus heat. "A most interesting part of the book's reception," chortles a part of the note, "is that Senator Neuberger, who is ready to issue a press release on any occasion, has had nothing to say. This is somewhat surprising, since a good part of a chapter deals with his written opinion of Senator Morse..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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cent in 1946 sales to private utilities have declined every year but one, percentage-wise, the figure in 1953 being 18.15 per cent. Similar facts were given to The Oregonian in a letter from Sawyer, whereupon Neuberger jumped to his typewriter and promptly to expose it, which he has done in another letter to The Oregonian. Neuberger began the discussion with a talk in percentages. Even when he turns to discuss kilowatt hours Sawyer points out that while sales to private utilities were ten times more in 1953 than in 1942, Neuberger—"significantly"—fails to mention that sales to preferred customers in 1953 were 44 times what they were in 1942.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

July 24, 1946
Walter E. Snyder, for seven years curriculum director of the Salem High school system, was appointed head of the state's educational program to succeed Dr. V. D. Bain, who resigned.

25 Years Ago

July 24, 1931
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Baker entertained at their home to compliment the ninety-second birthday of Mr. Baker's father, Joseph Baker. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Boise, Mrs. Frank Sneed and Miss Nean West.

40 Years Ago

July 24, 1916
Miss Lottia Penn, a Salem girl, escaped the bomb explosion at the preparedness parade in San Francisco, by a four minutes walk from the scene and was only a block away when the explosion came. Miss Penn is attending summer school at Berkeley.

AF Training Shift to Get More Study

WASHINGTON — A Senate Armed Service Subcommittee wants more facts on a proposed partial shift to Amarillo, Tex., of Air Force training of petroleum supply specialists being done at Tillamook, Ore.

Air Force officials, and Robert E. Klatt, director of the Northwest Technical Institute at Tillamook, were asked Monday by committee members to provide more figures on what the training costs.

They appeared at a committee hearing called after Klatt complained that the Air Force was planning to set up duplicate training facilities at the Amarillo Air Force Base, and would train some airmen there who normally would be trained at Tillamook.

Estimating the value of the training facilities at Tillamook at \$1.5 million dollars, Klatt contended switching all or part of the program to Amarillo would put an additional burden on the taxpayers.

He said that last year the institute trained 351 in maintenance courses and 329 in petroleum supply courses.

Air Force officials said they contemplated training 350 students at Amarillo next fall, and contended that there would be an annual savings of \$379 a student, largely because of transportation involved. Most of the students would come directly from a big Air Force recruit center at Lackland Field, San Antonio.

John M. Ferry, special assistant for installations, said there are many good facilities, now unused, at Amarillo AF Base which could be utilized.

The hearing was adjourned, with no final decision reached, after Sen. Jackson (D-Wash), subcommittee chairman, asked that the Tillamook institute be asked to submit figures showing what it would cost to train there the 350 students which the Air Force proposes to train at Amarillo.

Young Demos Censure GOP Chief's Statement

EUGENE — The executive board of the Young Democratic Clubs of Oregon has adopted a resolution criticizing a statement by state Republican Chairman Wengell Wyatt on the Hells Canyon vote in the Senate.

Wyatt said the vote that defeated the Hells Canyon bill was a repudiation of Sen. Morse by Democrats. The board said this was "untrue," and that 82 per cent of the Democratic senators voted for the bill.

Safety Valve

To the Editor:
Thursday the mercury climbed to 106 degrees here in Salem, and everyone was heading for the old swimming hole. The only trouble we had was finding a place to go.

We knew that a person would not find room enough to get his big toe wet, at the public pools. So in all consideration we decided to go to Wallace Park on the Willamette river.

It wasn't a very unpopular place either, but we did find a nice little spot for our children to play and we had the wide-open spaces of the nice cool river.

We got ourselves cooled down to a high 100 degree and decided to eat our picnic supper. So we set out in search for a table to eat on and a spot to build a fire.

And low and behold, what do you suppose we found in that great big city park? Three, I say three picnic tables—all of them taken.

I wasn't aware that our fine city was so deep in the red that it couldn't afford a few more tables. There is plenty of room for at least 10 more.

And in all of that space we found one garbage can which was full and running over. But please dear citizens, don't be a litter bug. I make a motion something be done about this and I believe I would have 50 per cent of the people behind me.

JOY E. WERNER, 299 N. Lancaster

Editor's Note—Fifty per cent is not enough, you need 51 per cent of those voting, and for lack of this the measures for park financing failed. Wallace Park is a late acquisition. It is being improved as fast as possible with the limited funds available.

Better English

BY D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "In so far as I know, he told the absolute truth."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "dictator"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Reservoir, reside, resonance, resistible.
4. What does the word "propensity" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with mo that means "a fine kind of leather"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Omit "in so far as" and "absolute."
2. Accent second syllable, preferred.
3. Reservoir.
4. Natural inclination.
5. She must guard against certain propensities which might lead her into trouble.
6. Morocco.

Broken Propeller Delayed Arrival of Boat, Started Hunt

A boat reported five hours overdue, on a Willamette River cruise from Albany to Salem early Monday morning arrived about 3 a.m.

The delay was caused by a broken propeller. W. H. McNeil Jr., 3175 Lawrence St., said. The damage reportedly occurred when the boat struck a rock near Independence, and the crew had to paddle the 20-foot cabin cruiser to Salem.

Passengers besides McNeil were his wife and Leo Moor, Albany. Willamette Search and Rescue River Patrol was planning a search with daylight Monday, state police said.

Order Closes Vancouver Forest Area

VICTORIA, B.C. — A closure order on the Vancouver forest district, effective midnight Monday night, was issued by the lands and forests department Monday.

The order—the second this summer—followed an emergency conference between Chief Forester Dr. C.D. Orchard and other government officials with I.T. Cameron and F.H. Nelson of the forests protection service.

The decision was made after government officials conferred by telephone with the district forester in Vancouver concerning the mounting fire hazard due to prolonged hot weather.

Sixty-two new fires were reported during the weekend, 52 of them along the Pacific Great Eastern Railway route. More than 200 men are fighting the fires.

Of nine fires on Vancouver Island, the largest is at Campbell River. The blaze covers about 375 acres.

Mining Firm Seeking Fund, McKay Claims

PORTLAND — The Al Sarena Mining Co. is now endeavoring to raise capital to put its Rogue River National Forest mine into operation, Douglas McKay, Republican nominee for U.S. senator, told the state board of the Republican Women's Federation here Sunday.

McKay said the company has cut only \$23,000 worth of timber from the tract. Mining patents on the tract have been the subject of extensive congressional hearings in the Pacific Northwest and Washington, D. C.

The majority report of the congressional committee upheld Democratic contentions that Al Sarena gained the patents in order to cut valuable timber stands. McKay told the federation that the deal "was perfectly legal."

Sex-Slaying Trial Resumes

MEDFORD — The first degree murder trial of Billy Junior Nunn, accused of the sex-slaying of a 14-year-old Klamath Falls boy, resumed here Monday after a weekend recess.

The body of the boy, Alin Eacret, was found last April at Tib Springs on the Klamath Falls-Ashland Highway.

Nunn was picked up in Northern California 10 days later. Officers said he had admitted the slaying and that they had recorded the admission.

State Police Sgt. Thomas Eaton testified Monday that the recording was made without Nunn's knowledge.

About 20 witnesses were yet to be called in the case.

Klamath River Yields Body

KLAMATH FALLS — The body of a man was found in the Klamath River about five miles south of here Monday. It apparently had been in the water at least two weeks.

Deputy Coroner William Mills said it was so badly decomposed that identification may be impossible. He said the man was of middle age, about six feet tall, and weighed about 160 pounds.

The body was found by two employees of the Kalpine Plywood mill working at a log dump on the river.

State Bows Out of Lane County Probe

(Story also on Page 1.)

The State Justice Department will not resume investigation of matters before a Lane County grand jury unless new evidence requires it, Gov. Elmo Smith said Monday.

He explained his decision in a 300-word letter to Lane District Attorney Eugene Venn, who had asked further investigation by Atty. Gen. Robert J. Thornton.

The text of the governor's letter to Venn: "Your letter of July 17, 1956, relating to the status of the grand jury investigation in Lane County was forwarded to the attorney general for his examination. He was specifically requested to report accomplishments of his office in this case."

"The attorney general was further requested to advise me as to my further legal authority and responsibility in this case."

"To answer specific points the attorney general states: "In answer to your specific question, it is my opinion that this office has completely discharged its legal duties in this matter under your directives. Unless the district attorney has obtained some new evidence to offer, it appears to me that there is nothing further that either you or I can legally do."

"The attorney general further wrote: "Freedom and independence of action on the part of the grand jury lies at the very foundation of our American legal system. For me to accede to this request would, in my opinion, be illegal and a wholly unauthorized invasion of the duties and functions of the grand jury. I am satisfied that the grand jury and Assistant Attorney General Anderson did a fair and honest job in this investigation."

"The attorney general concluded: "I will sum up the entire matter with this statement: The authority of the grand jury in this field is supreme. It cannot be called upon to explain its decision, or defend its action before anyone, even the governor and the courts."

Sweeping Authority "My directive sending the al-

Water Safety Class Chopped

Too few applicants and inability of those who did appear to arrange a common instruction period resulted Monday night in the cancellation of Salem's proposed one-week "Water Safety Instructors Course," head city lieutenant Ray Comstock reported.

The cancellation brought to a close this season's swim program sponsored jointly by Salem and the Marion County chapter of the Red Cross. The program ranged from beginning instruction to lifeguard training. Robert Seward, Red Cross field representative from Eugene, was to have led the safety instructor course.

Salem youths who completed lifesaving course at the city pools included seven senior lifesavers and 10 junior. Passing senior lifesaving tests were Carol Stolk, Jackie LaDue, Jerry Pott, John Stout, Grant Podd, Gene Hanson and Jan Suing. Awarded junior lifesaving were Georgia Brown, Dinne Baxter, Cathy Campbell, Jane Carter, Edith Brown, Sharon Truax, Glen Vanderhoff, Mike Cooper, Jim Tanger and Homer Wood.

Third Dog Poisoning Indicated in N. Salem

The third apparent dog poisoning in three days in the same area was reported to Salem police Monday by Edward M. Arvin, 1510 N. Liberty St.

Arvin said his dog died under conditions similar to the dog deaths reported Saturday by Mrs. Shirley Rutherford, 1570 N. Commercial St., and Mrs. I. H. Hakanson, 1595 N. Liberty St.

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