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## Competition Tremendous

Increased production costs, current and potential, most certainly are giving the auto industry plenty of pauses for thought these days in advance of the forthcoming announcement of schedules for the 1957 models.

The Associated Press' automotive editor, David J. Wilkie, opines that "the scorching competitive battle... may prevent a whopping increase." But the law of economics is with us, too. When it is considered that a mere \$10 increase per car means to the industry in income, it can be well imagined that every car in determining price schedules is being taken—and in full consideration (but a reduction in sales volume, possible for any car too much out of price-line, could adversely affect many of the nation's 40,000 new car dealers.

Here's a sample: Chevrolet (804,100 new cars sold the first six months), Ford (665,733) and Plymouth (257,318) account for about 55 per cent of all cars sold. On the basis of what might be termed an average year, just a \$10 increase (only a fraction of what can be expected) would mean a difference of \$15 million annually to Chevrolet, \$13 million to Ford and \$5 million to Plymouth. And if one or the other hikes prices too high, the loss competitively could be tremendous.

It can be well understood that right now as the new models approach, all manufacturers are paring production costs as much as possible, so that they don't have to hike prices more than their competitors. This year already has seen competition in the industry reach new heights and there seems no reason to suppose it will not continue. War-caused shortages of motor vehicles have long disappeared and the competition now is based on quality and price.

Ford is in the rather unenviable position of having to make the first announcement, since Ford will be first to show new models. An increase would seem to be inescapable. But, we're getting some mighty fine cars these days and competition can be expected to hold prices well in line.

In an attempt to keep the highways neatly dressed, the state highway department went to considerable expense to locate cans for deposit of motorists' litter. The purpose is frustrated when people make garbage dumps out of these cans, as they appear to be doing. The McMinville News-Register ran a picture showing the litter can filled and cartons of garbage and waste alongside. Instead of improving the looks of our roadways, such display is nauseatingly offensive. Use, but do not abuse, the litterbag cans.

The Bureau of Mines has developed a revolutionary method of separating tantalum and columbium, we're told. If the same machine could separate the truths and falsities in all these election claims, it could be of even more service.

## GOP's Moderate Platform on Civil Rights Said Due to President's Political Honesty

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSP

SAN FRANCISCO—All political platforms are boring, and the civil rights plans of a Republican platform is usually the dullest piece of lumber in the whole dull structure. This one is strikingly interesting, however, first for what it does not say, and second, because it is the result of the personal intervention of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The plank itself has been well described by the chairman of the Platform Committee, Senator Francis Bush, as "strongly moderate." It goes a little further than the Democratic plank on civil rights, but not very much further. It is a moderate plank on civil rights, but not very much further.

In other words, the plank is conspicuously not all-out attempt to capture the great bloc of Negro votes that now hold the balance of power in an actual majority of the big Northern states. The Supreme Court's desegregation decision, handed down by a "great Republican chief justice," as Vice President Nixon noted, clearly set the stage for a Republican attempt of the kind. The move, which the Negro vote into the whole new deal period, might now have been dramatically reversed. But this glittering temptation has been resisted. Why?

The key to this puzzle lies squarely in the President's own character and his view of his office. Furthermore, the convention's civil rights plank is no more than a re-affirmation of a big decision that the President made as long ago as the beginning of the last session of Congress.

At that time, a powerful faction in the Eisenhower cabinet, supported by more than one of the President's most influential political advisers, positively longed to launch a major raid into the rich Democratic preserves of Negro voters. Against the back-

## The Right Direction

It has seemed almost too much to hope for both the Army and Navy says it's here—a preventative vaccine for grippie-type illnesses affecting millions each year.

The Army goes even further than the Navy and says its experiments have proven vaccine effective against "catarrh fever, virus pneumonia, sore throat and severe colds."

Even if neither of the services claim effectiveness against the so-called "common cold," the results seem to encourage some hope toward that end. And nothing probably would suit the medical profession better—the old quip about a cold wearing off in seven days but a doctor being able to cure it in a week must wear pretty thin at times.

The Navy says that among 4,000 recruit "guinea pigs" at its Great Lakes Training Center, the incidence of grippie-type ailments was cut 50 to 70 per cent. The Army, using 350 recruits at Fort Dix, N.J., reduced the number of hospitalized cases of acute respiratory diseases 80 per cent.

The Navy used vaccine developed by the federal public health service; the Army used its own. They differ in attacking various of the 13 known types of "denovirus." The Navy's is aimed at virus types 3, 4 and 7 "which are the most important as a cause of respiratory virus disease in military populations." The Army's challenges types 3 and 4.

We don't know anything about virus and their types but all of us know that the common cold is a nagging, debilitating scourge of the human race. Discovery of a preventive or cure for the common cold will be one of the greatest blessings to befall long-suffering humanity.

## Less Red Tape

The post office department isn't about to make it legal to enclose letters in parcel post packages—a direct violation of the law—but it's considering making life easier by letting us seal such packages without having to inscribe that they "may be opened for inspection."

The department apparently is going to assume that all packages may be opened for inspection, except those specially marked "first class," without the sender having to give permission. It seems to be a good move. The sealing of packages heretofore precluded their being sent parcel post unless the "may be opened" permission was plainly marked. Purpose, of course, was to discourage the illegal enclosures of letters without extra postage having been declared and paid. But apparently the post office department has decided it can just as well open sealed packages as unsealed, anytime it wants, to ascertain whether the law is being violated.

Packages often-times look nicer and hold together better if sealed. But if stickers for the specific purpose weren't at hand, we either had to write the "may be opened" inscription or faced the probability that the package would demand first-class postage if we sealed it.

Now, come Christmas, maybe we can do as we please with the wrapping of Aunt Emma's parcel-posted present—but if we're caught enclosing an undeclared letter, whether the package is sealed or unsealed, Aunt Emma still will have to pungle up more postage.

We've heard it said that intelligent people get bald because grass can't grow on a race-track, but now comes Dr. Young of Howard University to actually provide a basis for the old saying. Some brains grow, he said, expanding the skull and forcing the hair to drop out. Science, apparently, can explain anything.

ground of the court's decision, they wanted the President to ask Congress, and to ask insistently, for the strongest sort of civil rights legislation.

In the cabinet, Attorney General Herbert Brownell and Secretary of Labor James Mitchell were the most important advocates of this strategy—which would have meant something very like a mass attack of nervous collapse throughout the Northern Democratic organizations. The cabinet's businessmen members were unenthusiastic, being instinctively opposed to extreme action of any kind. Also opposed was Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall, who is working hard to build real Republican organizations in the South.

As is his habit, the President heard out both sides when the matter was discussed in cabinet. He lifted the debate to an entirely new plane. He admitted that asking the Congress for an ultra-strong civil rights program would probably be good politics. It had been good politics for Truman. It would be even better for the Republicans, who stood to gain even more lavishly.

But he added that he could not judge the matter politically. The legislation would not pass. It might be good politics, but it would also be immensely divisive. It would inflame the already dangerous situation in the South. It would produce all sorts of other unpleasant side effects. He had the duty to act "as President of all the people," he concluded; so he was not going to seek Negro votes when the national cost would be so high.

In line with this decision, the Administration's civil rights program was offered to the Congress very late, and was never seriously pressed for by the President. As a result, the Democratic congressional leaders were able to avoid the civil rights fight that they so desperately feared. And this set the stage for the successful compromise of the civil rights issue at the Democratic convention.

At this Republican convention, in turn, the Democratic compromise looked like a golden opportunity to such Northern Republicans as Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois. In the Platform Committee, Dirksen and the



## Safety Valve

Rights Not Granted

To the Editor: "Safety Valve" is right! I would like to blow off a little steam. In reply to Mrs. Anne Chambers regarding "Right to Work Laws," in The Statesman—issue of Aug. 13—I will say that I find little fault with the statements she has made. I will say, however, that the labor unions as I have contacted them do not grant the rights so stated in above mentioned "Right to Work Laws."

I should know, especially from my experience with the Culinary Union (which is not culinary only, but is tied with the bartenders as well, and which fact is not disclosed in Mrs. Chambers' article) dating from June 1, 1954 to July 15, 1956.

I will say that I have many valued friends which belong to the "culinary and bartenders union"—please note that I have included the bartenders as they are reported to be "too weak to stand alone," so must be included in the Culinary Alliance Local No. 452. The above words, "Too weak to stand alone," are the exact words said to me by Mrs. Chambers not many weeks ago. I will say flatly, that what the Local Culinary Alliance claims through their secretary, Mrs. Anne Chambers, is not the practice! For further details of which I have plenty, anyone is freely welcome to consult me at any time that can be arranged.

Chet Snider, 1647 Waller St., Salem, Ore.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Even though she is the author of the book, she agreed to divide up the profits."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "table d'hôte"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Malevolence, militarism, milliner, molasses.
4. What does the word "obviously" mean?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Even though she is the AUTHOR of the book," and omit "up."
2. Pronounce tab-d'hot-dé.
3. Milliner. 4. Plainly; clearly. "His statements were obviously true."

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"And while you're taking advantage of their Christmas plan, their savings plan, their vacation plan... what do you plan on eating?"

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Mrs. Smith was a member of the Presbyterian church and Daughters of the American Revolution. Besides her husband, she leaves one son, William M. Smith, Sr.; sister, Mrs. W. C. Kruegel, Pullman, Wash.; and two grandchildren.

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## Florida Cons Escape With Truck, Guards

INVERNESS, Fla. (U.S.—Two convicts overcame a road guard guard, drove 50 miles in a road department truck with three guards and three convicts caged in the rear, and finally made off in a car they stole at gunpoint Monday. The car was taken from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caltha of Chicago.

The men were identified as Darwin Beers, 36, serving 10 years for forgery, and Donald Griffin, 21, sentenced to 10 years for robbery.

Sheriff R. C. Quinn's office reported the escapes twice returned to the road guard truck after taking off in the stolen car. Once was to tie up the couple from whom they stole the car. The second time was to retrieve a pistol they left in the front seat of the truck.

Escape After Stop  
The escape began shortly after the three road camp employes and five convicts stopped at Lencato.

The party proceeded a short way north and stopped. One of the men, officers said, suddenly threw a bottle at guard C. J. Smith. The pair jumped at him almost simultaneously, one seizing his shotgun, the other his pistol. They then disarmed the walking boss, J. W. Giddens, and the truck driver, C. E. Booth.

Threaten Killing  
Tying the three guards and the other three convicts in the back of the "cage" truck, the pair warned their prisoners if any sounded an alarm all would be killed.

After the convicts stopped the Caltha car, they drove both it and the truck a quarter of a mile down a dirt road. The Calthas were forced to enter the truck's cage. Later one of the men managed to open the cage's lock with a piece of wire and notified officers.

Taken from the Illinois couple were approximately \$100 in travelers checks and \$100 in cash.

## HELP FOR GIRLS ASKED

OTSU, Japan (U.S.—The Red Light District Operators Assn. here has filed a plea for lower taxes. It says that extra funds are needed to rehabilitate their girls after a new anti-prostitution law becomes partly effective next spring. "In addition," the group complained, "many of our girls have run away since the law was passed, leaving behind debts."

## Assigned



William L. Nichols, Salem, who is assigned to a Navy outpost in Antarctica.

## Military Roundup

## Salem Seabee To Man Post In Antarctica

Davisville, R. I.—Chosen to man a science outpost in Antarctica as a member of the Navy's Seabee detachment "Bravo" was William L. Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin V. Nichols, 1565 S. High St., Salem, Ore.

A mechanic in the detachment's construction battalion, Nichols and 149 other hand-picked Navy men are going through rigorous toughening-up training and indoctrination at Davisville, Atlantic Fleet Construction Battalion headquarters.

Detachment "Bravo" will man seven South Polar bases from December 1956 to January 1958. Parts of the group will man already-existing stations at Little America and McMurdo Sound in the Ross Sea area while others will help construct five bases on the Knox Coast, Weddell Sea coast, directly at the South Pole, in Marie Byrd Land and in Victoria Land.

Nichols, a veteran of 11 years' Naval service, is a 1945 graduate of Salem High School.

Men in the "Bravo" detachment will leave for the Antarctic this October on board ships of Operation Deepfreeze II—the Navy's 1956-57 South Polar expedition.

Seattle, Wash.—Three Salem, Ore., men were members of a task force of 12 Navy ships which took part in the recent annual Seattle Seafair celebration.

Aboard the heavy cruiser USS Bremerton were Gene A. Mollenhauer, electrician 2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Mollenhauer, 677 Catterlin Ave., and George R. Waters, fireman apprentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Waters, 960 N. 19th St. Aboard the Destroyer USS Agerholm was Charles J. Church, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church, 4928 Crater St., Salem.

Camp Pendleton, Calif.—Pfc. Byron J. Weekly, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weekly, 2880 Hard Dr., Salem, Ore., participated in a 100-mile training march while serving with the 1st Marine Division's 5th Regiment at Camp Pendleton, Calif. The four-day hike was conducted as a physical conditioning phase of the regiment's schedule.

Pfc. Weekly's wife, the former Darlene E. Lester, lives at 3320 Fairhaven Ave., Salem.

Hamburg, Germany—Douglas F. Isom, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Isom, Brownsville, Ore., recently was promoted to sergeant while a member of the 10th Infantry Division in Germany. In the Army since December 1954, Sgt. Isom is a squad leader in Company I of the division's 85th Regiment.

Rohentels, Germany—Pvt. Robert A. Shimmrin, son of Mrs. Kay M. Shimmrin, 4225 Dallas Rd., Salem, Ore., recently took part in a three-week field training exercise in Germany with the 11th Airborne Division. A 1955 graduate of South Salem High School, Shimmrin is a gumper in Company G of the division's 188th Infantry Regiment.

Pacific Fleet—Navy Lt. (jg) Lowell H. Weese, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Weese, 3550 Cherry Ave., Salem, Ore., is attached to Patrol Squadron 1, presently based on Kwajalein Island. The unit, which operates the "Neptune" long range patrol bomber, is engaged in "Operation Redwing," the atomic tests being conducted in the South Pacific.

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