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Egypt Riding for a Fall

The rather amazing stability of the Egyptian government and the Egyptian economy need be no mystery to anyone who will study the facts at hand, although in some quarters it is hinted the Reds are footing Nasser's bills. In truth, except for about \$5,000,000 handed over by Red China there is no indication of help from anyone. And the \$5,000,000 is less than three weeks of revenue expected from the Suez Canal, if and when it's open.

What holds Egypt together, aside from the fanatical nationalism inspired by Nasser, is merely a delaying action—a delay in meeting payments abroad, and an enforcement of the economic status quo at home. But Egypt almost assuredly is riding for a fall.

Factors accounting for well-stocked stores, an apparent abundance of cash and no rationing include the departure of several thousand British and French residents who once helped deplete shelves of higher-class merchandise; a freeze on commercial transactions to prevent panic and allow time for readjustment; a stringent curb on credit, and the withdrawal of much money from banks on the part of clients who fear an economic crash.

There appears to be some leaks on the bar to payments on obligations abroad, but still they constitute less than a third of those in normal times. Egypt has merely mortgaged her future. If she eventually realizes the \$100,000,000 annually from the Suez, as Nasser claimed was in the offing under nationalization, she may bail herself out. But the ice is pretty thin now.

Meanwhile, desert Egypt's 20,000,000 people with their less than 14,000 square miles of arable land (one-seventh the size of Oregon) appear firmly behind the man who took off the world. Economics haven't caught up with them.

Every Little Help

Proclamations from the President on down through state, county and city governments are emphasizing the move to "Back the attack on traffic accidents." Such proclamations, and accompanying suggestions as to how the horrible toll can be reduced, deserve every attention.

Fundamentally, little can be done so long as there is the speed and apparently heedlessness such as wiped out the lives of four youths whose car crashed into a bridge abutment in Washington Monday night. But even that little means much—it means fewer deaths, fewer cripples, less property damage. Actually, the Back the Attack movement is simply a campaign against murder and suicide. No single campaign will wipe out our traffic toll, but a continual stress on the vital attributes of caution and courtesy of the road may help.

Deportation Law Is Harsh

According to an AP news story from Houston, one Angelo Bruno, age 54, was put on a plane for deportation to Italy for violation of criminal laws in this country. The facts as related in the AP dispatch make one wonder if the deportation law is not unduly harsh in this instance.

Bruno's deportation was for a crime com-

mitted 22 years ago for which he served two years in prison. His conviction was under the Harrison narcotics act. The order for his deportation must not have been coincident with his conviction for he was declared a fugitive only last August. In the interval he had become prosperous, and was apprehended when he reported a theft from his own home and a check was made of his own fingerprints.

Here is where the harshness comes in: Bruno came to this country at the age of four years. He now lands in Italy without a dime, without a relative or acquaintance and with no knowledge of the Italian language. His wife was left behind in this country, and the income tax people filed a lien on his assets.

Bruno evidently has violated our laws and for this he deserves punishment according to our law. But there is no logical reason for deporting him to Italy, merely because he was born there. Surely the government doesn't attain its national origin with criminality.

There is some justification for shipping back a person who came as an adult, enjoyed privileges of residence in America and then proved faithless; but hardly for one who came not of his own volition, who definitely is a product of our own institutions and environment. Deportation ought not to be automatic. Bruno is "our" bad boy, not Italy's.

Telephone to Skagway

Anyone who has tried to carry on conversation by telephone with persons in Alaska knows how unsatisfactory the service has been. It was via radio, and, since Alaska is up where the Northern Lights at intervals put on their display of fireworks which mess up communications, the service has been inferior.

Tuesday a new undersea cable was dedicated for use which will link the states with Alaska, our big continental territory. The cable is in two sections. A double cable has been laid from Port Angeles, Wash., to Ketchikan by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. From there the Alaska communications system, which is managed by the Army Signal Corps, has run a cable to Skagway. Whether there is a land connection thence to Fairbanks and Anchorage we do not know; but this 1,250 miles of cable will improve greatly the communications of the area which it serves.

They've Already Earned Plaudits

The six Salem students who survived early examinations to qualify for the semi-finals of the National Merit Scholarships deserve sincere congratulations and all best wishes. It is indeed a worthy honor, even should one or all fade in the heat of further competition.

Around 1,500 scholarships are to be awarded by the national scholarship organization, which comprises the educational departments of several large industrial and business concerns which pooled their resources for the venture the better to serve outstanding students.

Only the highest 5 per cent of the senior class are eligible to compete. That means the Salem participants will go up against a really select intelligence. We wish them well.

Protests Gas Company Merger

Attorney General Edmond G. Brown of California is asking the federal government to intervene to prevent the merger of El Paso Natural Gas Co. with Pacific Northwest Pipeline Co. Such a consolidation, says Brown, would put the West Coast under a single wholesale supplier of natural gas. Pacific Northwest has contracts for gas supplies from the San Juan basin in Southwest United States and with Westcoast Transmission of Canada. El Paso now runs the wholesale lines from the interior gas fields to California. The consolidation would in truth give it a monopoly. Brown's objections to the merger merit attention by federal authorities and by the states that would be affected.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... And if I should be drafted, promise me there won't be any squabbling over the allotment check ...



Well, the snow is gone ... But those little piles of gravel left on lawns where snowmen once stood will probably remain there until next spring ... When they will become flakey reminders of winter's joys as they are ground through the lawnmower ...



And speaking of reminders, it's nice to know the military is still on its toes when it comes to red-tape definitions. Recently The Statesman ran a story about Army engineers visiting farmers in the St. Paul area. The visits were to property owners whose lands will become involved in the proposed new Air Force Base. The story ended by saying the government will appraise the land it wants to buy on the technical basis of "a seller reluctant to sell doing business with a buyer who is reluctant to buy."

This, says the Army in a communique to the newsroom, is out of step. Actually, it says, the government defines just compensation as that agreed upon between "a willing seller not obliged to sell and a willing buyer not obliged to buy." And it encloses six (6) pamphlets all with the above quotation underlined ... This is the sort of thing a willing newspaper reader not obliged to read, won't; and a reluctant proof-reader who is reluctant to scan, must ...

Merchants are not the only little elves profiting by the large Christmas shopping crowds these days. The cash register at city hall is also jangling merrily as overtime parkers drop in their Yule offerings. Those red and green street decorations make a fine backdrop for lines of gaily-waving orange parking tags ... And City Engineer Harold Davis is again faced with his annual Christmas problem. Whether to sign his Christmas cards, "The Davis" or "The Davises" ... And while you stand there in the post office lobby licking your stamps you may wonder who painted that large paper mural on the wall. It was Bruce Crogan, a carrier ...

While other merchants around town are coming out with impressive advertising campaigns, McEwan Photo Shop is sticking to the simple, dignified line. They take a lot of wedding pictures there. So they've come out with book matches on which are printed in Yule green, of course "If There's A Match Let Us Take The Pictures." Sort of strikes you right here, doesn't it? ... Only drawback to this idea is that a lot of this incendiary material is passed out to persons who have already met their match and are not necessarily burning for more ...

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 100 words in length. Personal attacks and insults, as well as libel, are to be avoided, but anyone is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question. Address unless otherwise indicated are Salem.)

'New Pharmacy'

To the Editor:
Your editorial on the work of the pharmacist, which appeared in your edition dated November 21, has been brought to my attention. You are quite right that the nature of the pharmacist's service to the public has changed through the years. There is indeed much less use of the mortar and pestle, as you pointed out, in the prescription department today than was true in years gone by. Compounding has assumed a lesser role in the activity of the drug store, and where once the pharmacist rolled pills and compounded medicines, he now is filling new needs brought by new concepts of drug therapy and its use against disease.

Now, perhaps more than ever before, the community drug store has become the community health center. The pharmacist is called upon often as a source of information concerning the overwhelming number of new drugs which appear each month for the consideration of the physician in his treatment of his patients. The other health science professions—medicine, dentistry, and the others—call upon the pharmacist and his store of basic knowledge in pharmacy for the technical information which he has accumulated for use when in consultation with the doctor.

A new pharmacy has appeared at the retail level in the past two decades. It has accompanied scientific advances in other related fields. Today, the intangible—knowledge, is a large factor in the service that pharmacy gives to the community.

PACIFIC DRUG REVIEW
E. Byron Smith,
Managing Editor

Trouble Is Local
In the Sunday edition of The Statesman, Miss Buren suggests that we write to the Metropolitan Opera Guild concerning the omission of the broadcast of the opera last Saturday in Oregon.

The Opera News publicizes that it is being broadcast on the ABC network, as usual. The fault is probably with the local outlets. A flood of letters to KEX would be quicker, more direct and possibly more effective.

Luther D. Cook
740 Shipping St.

Thanks Expressed
To the Editor:
On behalf of the Lash Meadow Gardeners I wish to thank your paper, the Capital Journal, the three Salem Radio Stations and others for their part in making our Christmas Green Show a huge success.

Our "Polack" to go head in setting it up was greatly rewarded in seeing the hundreds of people who attended our show. Again we thank you.
Mrs. Alvin J. VanCleave
President.

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1.)

of 16 to one; and the purpose of inflationary policies of the New Deal, devaluation and deficit financing. The drive now is to have the government make credit cheap and plentiful.

Credit is like a drug. Taken under proper prescription it is a stimulant, a remedy for business torpor. Overdosage leads to addiction; and apparently Americans are getting to that stage. They demand more and more credit and want it at low rates. If it is not available in the open market then they insist that government "do something" which means to start the printing presses, in one way or another.

The argument against inflation has been rehearsed so many times that repeating it would seem to be superfluous. The lesson of its danger however has not been fully learned. Suppose we put it in very simple terms. If a person has an income, say of \$400 a month, and uses his credit to such a degree that he is supposed to be paying \$500 a month on his borrowings, he, or his creditors, or both will soon be in trouble. He may be a price taker. There are many such. His creditors are likely to lose also. When this occurs on a big scale the business mechanism gets into difficulty. The extent of the difficulty depends on the degree of abuse of credit, and much on the public psychology.

For a good example of how business disaster may befall we need look only at the depression of the 1930s. It was touched off by the orgy of speculation in Wall Street, much of it financed on borrowed money. When stock prices started to drop lenders called their loans. The ensuing chain reaction resulted in credit contraction and the downward plunge of security prices which then spread to the commodity price structure. There were other contributing factors, too, but over-extension of credit was a prime factor in the debacle.

Now a restudy of our financing facilities and mechanisms is in order, for one thing because the FRB controls are quite limited in their effect. But if Congress proposes to legislate cheap and abundant credit simply by the printing press process then it will be feeding the fires of inflation, which history shows is exceedingly dangerous. Surely not even the politicians are naive enough to think that prices and wages will rise continuously and without interruption.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Your letter has been received, and in reply to same we wish to say we will be pleased to accept of your hospitality."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "pageant"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Supervise, improvise, magnetize, stigmatize.
4. What does the word "frugal" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with lat that mean "quick apprehension"?

Answers
1. Omit "in reply to same we wish to say." Say, "Your letter has been received, and we SHALL be pleased to accept (omit "of") your hospitality."
2. Pronounce paj-ent, accent first syllable. 3. Magnetize. 4. Economical in the use of resources. "No man was more frugal than he of his time and revenue." 5. Intuition.

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Hearing Dated On State Land Purchase Plan

(Continued from page 1.)

A public hearing on a state game commission proposal to purchase all state-owned lands in Warner Valley in Lake County will be held at Lakeview Tuesday, Gov. Elmo Smith said Wednesday.

Gov. Smith, as chairman of the State Land Board, along with the two other members of the board, State Treasurer Sig Unander and Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, will attend the meeting.

Gov. Smith said the land board well over a year ago gave some consideration to the possibilities of the game commission developing a part of Warner Valley as a wildlife refuge and shooting preserve while at the same time extending its agricultural usefulness. The state land board owns approximately 25,000 acres of land in the Warner Valley. A part of this is now leased to about a dozen farmers at an annual income to the state of about \$6,000, Gov. Smith said.

The game commission's proposal is said to make provisions for developing the valley by improving water conditions and fowl habitat while at the same time preserving and expanding its agricultural possibilities.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Dec. 13, 1946

Wayne Mercer, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mercer, Route 6, limbers up on his marimba in preparation for the Elks club annual Christmas-benefit play.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Judson, Jr. (Hulda Warren) are the parents of a son. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Judson and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Warren of Turner.

25 Years Ago

Dec. 13, 1921

Hon. Isaac A. Manning, one time on the editorial staff of The Statesman and later in the U.S. consular service in Nicaragua and Colombia, is now editor of the "Colombia Cable and Air Mail Weekly Service."

When the bicycle in the Harry W. Scott cycle shop window was stopped after 119½ hours of continuous running the cyclometer revealed the vehicle had treaded out 219.8 miles. Mrs. Abbott of Independence was the winner.

40 Years Ago

Dec. 13, 1916

The curtain rises on the first act of "The Dictator" at the Grand Theater, with local people taking part. The principals are Miss Marjorie Marvin, James Mott, Ben W. Olcott and Mrs. W. Carlton Smith.

In order to make things easier for its employees during the winter months when the high cost of living is keenly felt, the Spaulding Logging company, will serve free soup and coffee to the men who bring their lunches.

2 Catholic Parishes Plan Salvage Store

Plans for operation of a St. Vincent de Paul Society salvage store in Salem, were announced this week by the pastors of Salem's two Catholic parishes.

A particular council, local unit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, has been formed with D. J. McLellan as president, according to the Rev. John Reedy, pastor of St. Vincent's parish, and the Rev. Joseph Vanderbeck, pastor of St. Joseph's.

Purpose of the store, to be opened soon at 343 N. Commercial St., will be to help needy persons on a non-denominational basis, either by selling renovated clothing or giving it away, and to be of service to those "living close to margin," McLellan said.

The store is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to receive donations of used clothing, shoes, furniture, books, magazines, dishware, bedding, office equipment, shelving, or "any salvagable items," according to Manager John Nathman.

Donators unable to bring the articles to the store may arrange for pickup service by calling 3-3865 or 4-8070. The store is not open for sales at this time. Similar projects have been formed in other cities, with profits, if any, going to charity.

Judge Gives Man Freedom After Parole Revoked

CORVALLIS, Dec. 12 (AP)—Cloy A. Sloat, who spent 33 of his 64 years in the Oregon penitentiary and was paroled last year, is a free man again.

Sloat's parole was ordered revoked last month after he was convicted of being drunk. In protest, he obtained a writ of habeas corpus.

Today, Circuit Judge Fred McHenry upheld the writ, asserting Sloat had paid his debt to society. The judge pointed out that a 1955 state Supreme Court opinion held that the law under which Sloat was sent to prison in 1922 for attempted rape was unconstitutional because it carried a penalty greater than for conviction of rape.

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