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The Dave Beck-Oregon Rumor

Last Saturday we questioned the accuracy of the assertion of Editor Tugman in the Port Umpqua Courier that during the "goon" troubles in Oregon 20 years ago there were standing warrants for the arrest of Dave Beck himself, should he set foot in the state.

We followed this up with a phone call to Bruce Spaulding, now practicing law in Portland, who was district attorney of Polk County at the time. He stated that there was no indictment against Beck in Polk County and so far as he knew there was none in any other county.

Search for the Snowman

Tom Slick, one of those Texas oil tycoons, is headed for Nepal where he will seek to trap the Abominable Snowman. Presumably if he finds him he will try to bring him back alive, though that might call for a formidable job of refrigeration.

Macmillan, Eisenhower Parley Said Last Chance to Save Anglo-American Alliance

By JOSEPH ALSOP

LONDON, March 20—The Bermuda meeting between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan has a double-edged importance. It is about the last chance to save the Anglo-American partnership and the Western Alliance.

The real test of President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan is to find a way to dodge the final payment of those debts. This will be nothing less than the destruction of all the vital Western interests in the Middle East, by inflicting Arab nationalists led by President Gamal Abdell Nasser and strongly supported by the Soviet Union.

If this final payment is exacted—particularly if the oil sources are nationalized—the effect on the Western Alliance and most particularly on the Anglo-American partnership will be downward catastrophe.

But the first hopeful factor is the grim boat of fact-fact that has been going on here in Britain. The British power and influence in the Middle East, which have always been overestimated in London, have now altogether ceased to exist.

Fortunately, the members of the inner circle of British policymakers have faced these appalling facts. It is a hard blow to British pride. It will cause much friction before it is all over. But they are now willing to commit the protection of their Middle Eastern interests to American hands.

ness of the Snowman. Another reason for keeping the Snowman alive or at least the reports about him, is that it attracts world attention, and helps draw visitors to this rooftop of the world.

Perhaps we should not sell this Texan short. A Dupont executive recently lost a \$10,000 bet with another from that state who proved he could kill an elephant with bow and arrow. If Slick brings back a Snowman dead or alive its exhibition would surely resuscitate Barnum's circus.

John Kasper Rejected

One of the most extreme agitators against desegregation in schools has been John Kasper, a Northerner. He stirred up trouble in a "border" state, at Milford, Del., causing serious disruption of local plans for complying with the Supreme Court mandate.

But Kasper's career of trouble-making was rudely interrupted by an exposure in the New York Herald-Tribune. Its reporter found that Kasper is a devotee of the mad poet, Ezra Pound, and that before taking up the crusade for white supremacy he was mixing socially with Negroes in Greenwich Village.

The climax came when Kasper testified in a legislative hearing in Florida. He had to admit his past associations; and when he did that the white supremacy organizations disowned him.

Kasper may be a man with a troubled mind; but in any event his instability revealed that he was wholly undependable as a leader. From Negro associate to fomenter of hate toward Negroes was too much. As the Herald-Tribune observes Kasper offers a lesson in the value of keeping a cool head.

Editorial Quagmire

An Oregon editor takes a risk when he ventures to discuss paleontology, for there is an informed critic in the profession—Phil Brogan, associate editor of the Bend Bulletin. Recently "Greater Oregon" of Albany undertook to report on the contents of an ancient quagmire, and in the process got caught in the muck itself.

Greater Oregon, published in Albany, has a dark secret. Less than 50 miles from that newspaper office long ago there was a quagmire, reports the Albany paper. In that earthy muck were trapped creatures of 50,000 years ago. Their bones have just been discovered.

Other inhabitants of the Willamette valley at that time were saber-toothed tigers, camels, tiny horses no bigger than a rat and the giant beast of Baluchistan, which scientists say was bigger than a school bus on top of another school bus," states Greater Oregon.

The surrounding region, notes the editor, was tropical. But the Albany editor is not revealing the locality. He is keeping the secret dark until representatives from a national museum arrive.

The editor has succeeded in keeping secret the location of the fossil find—but he has revealed his lack of information about Oregon's life of the Pleistocene.

"Tiny horses no bigger than a rat" lived in the dawn age of time, not the Pleistocene. Horses of the ice age were much the same as ponies of today.

The beast of Baluchistan" lived millions of years before Oregon's ice age.

Furthermore, Oregon was not a tropical country in the Pleistocene.

never been more, in Hamlet's phrase, than an attendant lord. Reversing the roles will not be easy. And it will require card-on-the-table negotiation.

It is a considerably more practical policy for the United States than it was for Britain. On the one hand, American influence does not yet bear the colonialist taint, so it is less embarrassing for the "good Arabs" to turn to America. On the other hand, the United States has what Britain never had, friendly relations with the most important "good Arab," King Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Fortunately, the really important Arab governments, the governments of the oil-producing states and Sheikdoms, are all still in the "good Arab category." Despite President Nasser's constant appeals to the mobs in their countries to install other governments, Nuri Pasha of Iraq and all the others are still successfully hanging on.

If they can now be reinforced and rallied, the worst potential consequences of the Suez debacle will have been avoided. But this task on which the American policy-makers have now at last embarked is extremely delicate and complex.

All the complexities must be examined and resolved at Bermuda, moreover. As a practical matter, for instance, clear agreements must be made about the way to handle the very touchy human problem that is bound to arise in certain Middle Eastern capitals. In these places, the British Ambassador has always behaved almost as a viceroy, while his American colleague has

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



Why the emphasis on good vision? ... It's been my experience that all a driver has an opportunity to see is the car 15 feet ahead of him!

IT SEEMS TO ME

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Egyptian troops that trouble spot. Egypt and Saudi Arabia declare that the Strait of Tiran connecting the Gulf of Aqaba with the Red Sea is within their territorial waters, but neither interfered with a recent passage of an Israeli ship sailing under another flag.

So, while Nasser has been boastful and contemptuous, he has kept his actions on the safe side to avoid international censure. (Britain and France were too impatient—they moved before there was any overt act like a breakdown or block in the canal operations). Nasser is not an admirable figure; but he has been shrewd, and has become a hero among the Arab peoples because he stood up to the West.

Nasser is bitterly hated by friends of Israel and cordially disliked by the British, but he remains popular in his own country and throughout the Arab world, and not without cause. For almost the first time since

Safety Valve

Correction From Sweetland To the Editor: In a story in the Statesman last week-end concerning the meeting of the Democratic Forum at the YWCA Friday night, the reporter included an alleged statement from me that I expected the "key district measure" in the Senate than it did in the House.

I know the error was unintentional, but I wanted to straighten it out so that it wouldn't add to the confusion of an already complicated school legislation picture. The key district measure for a new formula to distribute school funds in Oregon, and including a large measure of property tax relief, is in the Senate and has not yet been voted on by either house. I believe the misunderstanding arose over a comment I made with respect to the school reorganization bill which has passed the House, but concerning which I foresee considerable controversy on the Senate side.

Let me take this occasion to express my appreciation as chairman of the Senate Education Committee for the close attention and excellent coverage which the Statesman has been giving to the important matters of school legislation at the session. Without diligent reporting in the press, it is extremely difficult for the average family to follow the complications of school legislation, and nothing we do is of greater importance.

Monroe Sweetland, State Senator.

From The Statesman Files

and were built many years ago. One of the largest Boy Scout honor courts ever known in Cascade area was held at Dallas. Ninety-five boys appeared for awards. Judge George Rossman, addressed the group. A few from Salem were: Tom Gabriel, Roger Kellogg, Cleve Bartlett and Gordon Black.

40 Years Ago

Mar. 21, 1917 The famous American comedy, "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," the popular play of the present generation will have its first amateur presentation on any stage, when the Salem Elks produce it at the Grand theater. A few of the players were: Bud Welch, Dan Lagenburg, Verna Cooder, Mrs. A. J. Rahn and Mrs. Carlton Smith.

War preparation by the government included calling into the federal service a score of additional guard regiments for police service in the western and middle western states, as an order for the immediate recruiting of the marine corps to the full strength of 17,000 men.

Body of Woman Found Under Bed

NORTH BEND, Ore., March 20—The body of Mrs. Mary Manaka, 62, was found today under the high, old-fashioned bed at her home. Mrs. Manaka, who lived alone, had been sought since Monday, when neighbors reported her missing.

There was neither electricity nor running water in the house, which was filled with piles of old newspapers. She had lived here about 30 years and had no known relatives.

Welfare Budget Jump Marked For Aged Aid

(Story also on page 1)

Kenneth Peterson, Marion County welfare commissioner, said Wednesday \$28,000 out of a \$163,176 increase in the commission is seeking for the coming year will be earmarked for cash grants and medical supplies for the aged. The sum would bring the total old-age assistance program to \$1,102,000 as compared to the current \$1,074,000.

No allowance is made in the OAA budget for a decrease in commission income if the Relative Assistance Act is repealed by the 49th legislature, Peterson said. Although \$28,000 was derived from this source in 1956, the increase is designed to meet increased costs of the OAA program, he said.

A proposed \$16,000 increase for care of children in county foster homes brings this budget item to \$96,000 as compared to \$80,000 for the current year. Rising medical costs are reflected in an increase of medical supplies to the physically handicapped to \$29,500 from \$15,000 a year ago.

Sizable items in the budget showing no substantial increase include \$171,000 for cash grants to the physically handicapped; \$305,500 for aid to dependent children, and \$235,556 for administration.

Of the total budget estimate, \$905,919 is expected to come from the federal government, \$964,148 will have to be approved by the state, and \$342,589 by the county. All three sources contribute to the county program on varying ratios in the different aid categories, Peterson said.

TV Newsmen Dropped for Beck Show

SEATTLE, March 20—One regular member of a Seattle television news-panel was dropped Monday night at the insistence of Dave Beck before the Teamster Union president would appear on the show, station officials disclosed today.

Dropped from the Beck show on KING-TV was Robert H. Schulman, Time-Life magazine correspondent in Seattle and longtime member of the panel.

Charles Herring, news director of the station, said Beck flatly refused to appear on the program with a representative of Time-Life. In further questioning, Herring said, Beck declared he wanted no one questioning him who might "be prejudiced against him."

The panel which questioned Beck consisted of two members of the Post-Intelligence newspaper staff and a member of KING's news staff.

Area Farm Council Meets At Pendleton

PENDLETON, March 20—Agricultural colleges can improve public relations for agriculture by compiling and helping to disseminate more facts, the Pacific Northwest Farm Council was told here today.

The conclusion was reached by a three-member panel, which also suggested state advisory groups dean at the University of Idaho; C. A. Svinth of Washington State College's agricultural service, and can W. Scheel, assistant director of the Oregon State College extension service, made up the panel.

Earlier, a panel of three women concluded that food industry advertising should be "glamorized" and said food has not been given its proper place in the average family's budget.

Roy Battles, assistant national Grange master, addressed a dinner tonight.

Wives of Leading Soviets in Rare Public Appearance

MOSCOW, March 20—The rarely seen wives of Nikita Khrushchev, V. M. Molotov, Lazar Kaganovich and other top Soviet leaders gave an unusual feminine note to a Soviet state occasion today.

They turned out for a luncheon given the visiting Hungarian government and Communist party delegation headed by Premier Janos Kadar.

The Hungarian visitors arrived this morning at Vnukovo Airport and filled the day with wretched-laying, courtesy calls and luncheons.

The wreaths included one for Joseph Stalin-inscribed, "To J. V. Stalin, steadfast fighter for the cause of the working-class and socialism."

Business talks on ideological and economic unity with Moscow were to begin Thursday.

Sabotage Ruled Out in Death of Philippine Chief

MANILA, Thursday, March 21—Philippine investigators have narrowed down to pilot error and engine failure the possible causes of the plane crash that killed President Ramon Magsaysay and 25 others.

No sabotage or foul play was involved, Col. Richard Papa said today. He is deputy constabulary chief.

Investigators surmise that the plane's right wing snapped against a tree of the Cebu Island mountainside where the plane crashed and burned.

One man survived the disaster, newsman Nestor Mata. Investigators said his report that the crash was preceded by an explosion has not been borne out. Mata's story had raised speculation of possible Communist sabotage.

The 48-year-old Magsaysay was strongly anti-Communist. Funeral services for Magsaysay will be held Friday noon, preceded by an open air requiem High Mass in Memorial Stadium on Manila Bay.

Jury Convicts Prohibition Era Slayer

PATTERSON, N.J., March 20—A jury today found 63-year-old James "Doc" O'Leary guilty of murder in the second degree in a gangland, prohibition era slaying 28 years ago.

Passaic County Judge Edward G. Collette set April 12 for sentencing. The charge of second degree murder carries a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

O'Leary was tried on an indictment which had lain forgotten since the shooting victim, Alex (Schmutz) Szabo, fell under a hail of bullets in the rear of a Passaic garage on May 2, 1929.

The episode allegedly stemmed from a dispute over a Ramsey ale plant.

Four men were charged with the slaying and all were released on bail. O'Leary for \$10,000 in 1934. Acting Passaic County Prosecutor Charles A. Joelson found the indictment in his files last December. The whereabouts of the other three are not known.

O'Leary was released from state prison in Rayway last April after serving two years for attempted burglary. He had spent time in prison on two other occasions, before and after the Szabo slaying, and today's conviction makes him a fourth offender, liable to life imprisonment.

The key piece of evidence introduced by the state was a statement Szabo allegedly gave police from his deathbed.

In it, Szabo said: "I was shot while I was standing and when I was lying on the ground, I saw O'Leary and Big Mike with guns in their hands and the other two men."

He quoted O'Leary as saying: "Yes, I told you I would get you." As O'Leary was being led away to county jail, he waved to newsmen and said, "So long, fellows."

He added, "I am innocent."

Defense Counsel Edward Madden said he would appeal.

House Slashes Agency Funds

WASHINGTON, March 20—The House today slashed \$537,993,000 from the \$5,923,195,000 in new funds requested by President Eisenhower to finance 18 independent federal agencies.

The cut exceeded by 21 million dollars the reductions recommended by the House Appropriations Committee last week and boosted to \$5 million dollars total the House-voted cuts in four annual money bills considered this year.

Passage by voice vote sent the bill to the Senate.

The House voted to eliminate entirely 130 million dollars asked strategic and critical materials. Other reductions were scattered among a number of agencies.

Major allotments in the bill as it left the House were \$462,705,200 for the Veterans Administration, \$119,645,000 for the Housing and Home Finance Agency and \$238,389,600 for the General Services Administration.

Scribe Recalls Time When U.S. Defense Came Cheaply

By ARTHUR EDSON

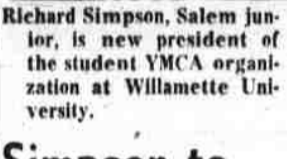
WASHINGTON, March 20—Nearly everyone seems to have ideas about cutting President Eisenhower's budget for running the government next year.

Letters are pouring into Congress from constituents eager to see some whacking done. The House formally has asked Eisenhower if he has spotted any fiscal branches he would like pruned. Republicans and Democrats alike

publicly at least—claim to be highly interested in saving money. Yet because of the shaky condition of the world, no one has said much about the biggest item of all—the 43 billion dollars Eisenhower thinks is necessary for national security.

Gadgets like atomic cannon and airplanes that break through the sound barrier cost big money. But once they're in the audience let's take a nostalgic look back to the times when defense wasn't so expensive.

Elected



Richard Simpson, Salem junior, is new president of the student YMCA organization at Willamette University.

In his book, "The American President," Sydney Hyman tells of a French officer who dropped around to pay his respects. No Sentinel at Door

To his surprise, the visitor found no sentinel at the door. Inside two clerks scribbled away "in the midst of the solitude."

They apparently explained where the boss was, for the French officer observed:

"Mr. McHenry's name figures in the state budget for \$2,000, a salary quite sufficient in a country where the secretary of war goes in the morning to his neighbor, the barber, to get shaved."

But for economy dreamers there are better dreams yet.

During the days of the Continental Congress things were really run on a minor league scale. From June 20 to Aug. 12, 1784, the commander of the army was its highest ranking officer, Capt. John Doughty.

Doughty commanded a few fellow officers, very few, and he didn't need many.

In the whole army at that time there were only 80 privates.

BLM Official to Discuss O & C Land Problems

ROSEBURG, March 20—Edward Woolley, director, and other Bureau of Land Management officials will discuss O&C land problems in Portland Monday with representatives of Western Oregon O&C counties.

This was announced today by Frank Ashley, Douglas County commissioner and chairman of the O&C counties road committee.

Woolley will speak in Vancouver, B.C., this weekend to the Western Forest Industries Assn., which recently has been critical of BLM road policies.

Sen. Neuberger Charge Denied By Alaska GOP

JUNEAU, March 20—Republicans in Alaska have taken issue with the charge of Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) that a "raw, naked bitter struggle" within the party is holding up President Eisenhower's appointment of a new governor and that the territory is suffering because of it.

Neuberger's charge was called "unfounded" by Russ Arnette, president of the Anchorage Republican Club.

Sid Charles, publisher of the Ketchikan News, said Neuberger should pay more attention to Oregon and less to Alaska.

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"We as a family want to thank you for all that you did for us when our brother Bill passed away. We were very well satisfied with the way you took care of him. Your work was satisfactory in every detail and needless to say it meant a lot to us."

Sincerely, The "B" Families

The above taken from our file of unolicited letters.

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