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Moratorium On Fast Writeoffs

The reaction against the grant of fast depreciation to Idaho Power on its Snake River dams, while a political attack on the utility company, is bearing good fruit in this Congress as it moves toward repeal of the law, born of the Korean war in 1950. The Senate finance committee, headed by Sen. Harry Byrd, has approved his bill which would end the whole program in 1958. Meantime grants would be limited to projects essential to defense as determined by the AEC and the Department of Defense.

In recognition of the strong sentiment against the tax favoritism the office of defense mobilization has declared a moratorium on fast write-offs, pending congressional action. While Congress will hardly move fast enough to enact the Byrd bill before adjourning this session the measure is in the works and should be passed when Congress reconvenes.

Having urged for several years the dropping of this special favor to corporations, or its very strict limitation, The Statesman is happy to note the progress made in this direction. The move should have been made years ago.

Willamette University and Salem will be well represented at "Spec" Keene night in Portland's Multnomah stadium on Sept. 21st, when OSC plays the Trojans of Southern California. Launched by OSC boosters in recognition of the great work of Roy Keene in his 10 years as athletic director, it will be promoted by a statewide committee headed by Charles Parker and Ken Crookham of Portland. While Keene is an alumnus of the State College and returned there in 1947, he really gained his fame as coach at Willamette University where he served from 1926 to 1947 save for time out during World War II. Those were the years of Willamette's greatest success in football. The Willamette community should have a part in "Spec" Keene night, if only by contributing to the turnout.

California politicians are blowing dandelion seed pods trying to find out whether Sen. Knowland will or will not run for governor next year. And always the blowing shows that he will run. Knowland entertained the California congressional delegation for breakfast a few days ago—a sort of farewell party. After it was over one congressman reported the senator declared he would make the race which Gov. Goodie Knight wants him to stay out of. Others said he made no commitment. The conclusion was unanimous, however, that he will run. If he does, it may be "good night" for Goodie politically.

American youth to the number of about 150 went to Russia to attend a Red-sponsored international youth festival. Now 50 of them are going on to visit Red China. On the latter trip they are defying our state department which denies passports to China, but having braved the Russian bear, they are willing to take on the Chinese dragon. While the minds of youth are impressionable, we doubt if any become enamored of Communism from these tours, unless they were before they started. But the state department must feel chagrined to see so many colts breaking through its China fences.

Shortly after his visit to the United States Robert Briscoe, the Jew who was lord mayor of Dublin, Ireland, lost his office by the flip of a coin to settle a tie vote. But the city of Cork, whose population is 95 per cent Roman Catholic, has elected a Protestant, Richard Valentine Jago, as its lord mayor. Maybe some day Americans will practice their profession of religious freedom to elect a Jew or a Catholic President.

Dollar Buys More French Francs

Before the first World War, as we recall, the French franc was worth around 20 cents U. S. Lately the official rate in France was 350 francs for one dollar U. S. On the black market the dollar would get you 420 francs, making each franc worth about 0.0023 cents U. S. The continued weakness of the French unit of currency has now compelled the French government to fix an exchange rate of 420 francs to the dollar for trade purposes. This will be of immediate benefit to tourists as they will get 20 per cent more French francs for their money than before. The French do not call the operation devaluation, though that is what it amounts to. They arrive at the same end by leaving a new 20 per cent tax on imports and allowing a 20 per cent discount in the cost of French currency for exports.

France's financial disorders are chronic as the long slide since 1910 in the franc's value shows. Two world wars with attendant invasions, and the subsequent drainage of revenues for combatting rebellions in Indochina and North Africa are principal causes for the decline. Then the French have never had governments strong enough to get their financial house in order and keep it there. The Poincaré tax revolt gained considerable headway for a time. The finance crisis has made urgent some settlement of the Algerian headache, but no healing prescription has been found.

For that matter while the French malady has been acute, the virus of inflation is not local to that country by any means. Britain is under strain, and so is the United States. The former was able to apply heroic measures to prevent a runaway, but the forces of wage-price increases are straining at the leash. They are in this country too, spite of federal reserve bank credit restraints and presidential admonitions. It is to be hoped that other countries will not need to follow the French example and that France itself may build a sound base under its currency.

A heart attack while he was on a fishing trip proved fatal to Dr. Lewis D. Clark, Salem pediatrician, at the age of 45, just when he was reaching the prime of his life. Recently he had given up his private practice to join the staff at Fairview Home, attracted in part by the special opportunities for service there. Dr. Clark was one who did not limit his usefulness to the practice of his profession. He was most generous of his time and energy, particularly with youth groups in the Liberty neighborhood. They could always depend on him for a showing of pictures or help on a project, though he might have preferred to be home with his family and with his music records which he loved. The shock which is heaviest on his family is shared by the many families which he served professionally and by his neighbors, especially the youth of his community.

Racketeer Johnny Dio is a slick dresser, but he swung like the hoodlum he is when a photographer tried to take his picture. He is an upper crust gangster.

Sec. Wilson Completely Honest But He Underestimated Soviets

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 — Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson will leave Washington, if not exactly trailing clouds of glory, at least pleasantly aware that almost everybody likes him. It is impossible not to like him, although some have tried very hard. For a thoroughly honest, essentially simple man is a hard man to dislike and that is what Wilson is. Jesse Ann Wilson, the Secretary's indomitable spouse was quite right the other day when she revealed that "Mr. Wilson came as a great shock" because he spoke the simple truth in a place where politics is the native tongue. Secretary Wilson has spoken the truth — as he sees the truth — and no one can doubt that he is not only an honest man but a man who has honestly tried to do his best.

And yet how good has that best been? In all fairness, certain facts must be considered in trying to answer that question. The first fact to bear in mind is that Wilson joined an administration absolutely committed to a balanced budget and reduced taxes. The Administration could not reasonably have been committed with out sharp reductions in defense expenditures.

The second fact to bear in mind is that Wilson became Secretary of Defense at almost the precise moment when the Soviets who had concentrated on building the massive air strength during the period when the United States had a near-monopoly of offensive

air-atomic power, switched priorities. From about 1952 onward, the Soviets gave absolute priority, first to breaking the American air-atomic monopoly and then to gaining superiority in that field. Wilson cannot be blamed, after all, because the Soviets exploded their first hydrogen bomb in August, 1953, a few short months after he had taken office. It was not his fault that they tested their first intercontinental jet bomber less than two years after he had become Secretary of Defense. It was not his fault that they began testing their first intermediate missiles in 1955, or that they tested their first prototype version of an intercontinental missile this year.

It was not Wilson's fault if you will that he was caught in a trap, almost from the day he became Secretary of Defense. He was trapped because the Administration's commitment to reduce taxes and balance the budget on the one hand, and the mounting evidence that the Soviets were achieving a decisive air-atomic superiority on the other.

Another man might have reacted to this situation by insisting that American superiority in air-atomic power must be maintained at whatever cost. But Wilson's background did not prepare him to react in such a way. In his long, hard, brilliantly successful climb from an Ohio farm boyhood to the pinnacle of the business world he had not had time to think very much about such abstract matters as the balance of power. Testifying before a Senate committee last year he had a revealing light on his remarkable simple way of interpreting great historical events. It was he said, "I had had the Russians did away with the fears completely" if they only had a few years left, instead, he re-

laxed seriously, then the Russians would hate them, and they would not be having us so much."

Now the balance has been destroyed. In the name of economy, American conventional power has been reduced almost to the vanishing point. And while the United States has thus become wholly committed to atomic warfare the Soviets are unquestionably moving ahead of the United States in air-atomic power. That is the danger which Charles E. Wilson, a likable and honorable man, has seen in his intellect. He is a man who has seen the danger. Now Mr. Wilson is gone. (Copyright © 1957, The New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Information comrade agent is acquiring indicates 'clean' H-bomb of capitalists is composed of uranium, plutonium and something called 'detergent'..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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earnings to finance their operations and purchases of new equipment. Their borrowing power will be measured by their earnings prospects.

The jets will haul more people and do it faster. This will enable the owners to get more miles of travel out of a jet in a given number of hours. But they must get more pay passenger and freight miles too. Empty seats and unoccupied cargo space are unremunerative. So they can't be positive that their estimates of higher earnings on the jets will be realized. A sharp fare increase might divert traffic to the rails or to the highways.

It seems a safe guess that after a further study the CAB will approve an increase in airline fares, just as the interstate commerce commission, apparently grudgingly and often tardily, keeps inching up freight and passenger rates on railroads.

Standing as we are at the threshold of the jet age the country will not be kept outside the door because the airlines can't find the money to pay for the planes.

The present experience proves both to the companies and to the financial community that the romance of airline operation is pretty well spent. Now it is just another business, though one with an expanding future.

Mrs. Flitton, 33, Succumbs

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flitton, Salem native and former Lebanon resident, died Monday in Vicksburg, Miss., at the age of 33 apparently of a heart attack in her sleep.

Mrs. Flitton was a daughter of the late Brown Earl Sisson, former president of Salem Chamber of Commerce and manager of Miller's department store for many years.

She was born in Salem on May 26, 1924. After attending Salem grade schools and Salem High School, where she was graduated in 1941, she attended the University of Washington, where she became a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was graduated in 1943.

Miss Sisson and Charles N. Flitton of Los Angeles were married in Salem on Nov. 10, 1946. They resided in Bremerton, Wash., then Los Angeles, and they lived in Lebanon from 1948 until Flitton was recalled to active Naval Reserve duty in 1951. He has been stationed at Vicksburg, Miss., for about four years.

In Salem Mrs. Flitton was a member of Spinsters, Chadwick chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Chapter G, PEO, First Methodist Church.

Besides her widower, she leaves one son, Charles N. Flitton III, Vicksburg, mother, Mrs. Ona Sisson, Milwaukee, one sister, Mrs. Gordon Bennett, Oceanlake, one brother, William A. Sisson, Lebanon.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Virgil T. Golden chapel. Burial will be in Belcrest Memorial Park.

UCC Members To Attend Confab

Four members of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission are planning to attend a three-day conference on State-Federal services to older workers beginning Wednesday in San Francisco.

Included besides Mrs. Cecilia Gale, chairman of the UCC, are Earl H. Lovell, director of the State Employment Service; Harry Kash, supervisor of workers program for UCC; and Charles Fullerton, supervisor of consulting for the commission. The conference is being held and will draw delegates from six western states: Hawaii and Alaska.

Liberty Traded For Vodka Cache

SEATTLE, Aug. 12 (AP) — A Seattle longshoreman today traded his liberty for vodka.

Laughlin Carl Lowell, 32, was sentenced to six months in prison by U. S. District Judge Gus J. Solomon.

Lowell was convicted on July 9 of stealing a quantity of vodka from an interstate shipment last February.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "All of my friends are done with the book and there is no necessity of your returning it right away."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "nouveau riche" a person newly rich?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Dialogue, diagnosis, diaphragm, dialectic.

4. What does the word "impudent" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "ar" that means approach?

ANSWERS

1. Omit the words "and there is no necessity of your returning it immediately." Pronounce "nouveau riche" as "noo-va-oo-reech." 2. "Diphthong." 3. "Diphthong." 4. "Impudent." 5. "Approach."

Council Pays Honor to 3 Citizen Units

Salem City Council tossed bouquets Monday night to three citizen groups recently in the news for outstanding civic projects.

A formal resolution was adopted to express appreciation to Elmer Berglund and his committee that promoted the finance measures for swimming pool and city park improvements.

A similar action was taken to thank Robert Hullette and his Willamette River Days committee for the successful River Days celebration over July 4.

And a commendation was ordered for Salem Art Association for its work of sponsoring the recent Art Fair.

GOP Leaders Set Election Date Sept. 14

Marion County Republican leaders outlined plans Monday evening for a quarterly meeting of the County Central Committee scheduled for Sept. 14 at the GOP state headquarters in Senator Hotel.

An alternate chairman and two members of the group's nominating committee will be elected at the countywide meeting. Committeemen for vacant precincts also will be appointed.

In other business, the executive committee named a committee of two, John Carlin and Jack Miller, to work on setting up county GOP headquarters in conjunction with the newly located state headquarters in Senator Hotel.

R. F. Cook of Scotts Mills was appointed precinct committeeman for Precinct 146 to fill out the term until May.

The State Republican Women's Federation has asked the county's support in setting up a booth at the State Fair. Mrs. Paul Van de Velde, president of the Salem Federation, reported.

Appointment of Mrs. Charles Campbell alternate vice chairman of the county committee, to serve as ticket chairman for a statewide tea to be sponsored Oct. 23 by the state federation also was announced. The tea will be held at Multnomah Hotel in Portland and proceeds will go to 1958 campaign funds.

Next regular monthly meeting of the executive committee will be Sept. 11.

Combine Sparks Burn Grain Area

SHERIDAN, Ore., Aug. 12 — Sparks from a combine destroyed a half acre of grain around 3:15 p.m. today on the Bob Smith farm near Ballston, the Sheridan fire department said. The combine also caught fire but it was extinguished before much damage was done.

Fire in a stubble field was reported about noon on the Jay Sechrist farm at Ballston but it was under control before it could spread to Jack DeJong's nearby wheat field, firemen said.

Youth Fleeing Bumblebee Dies

OGLESBY, Ill., Aug. 12 (AP) — A 14-year-old Oglesby boy, fleeing a bumblebee, rode his bicycle into the path of an automobile today and was killed.

Michael Farmer, 14, was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Mary's Hospital in La Salle. The auto was driven by Carl P. Stern, Peoria. He was not held.

8 Persons Fined On Liquor Counts

Marion County District Judge E. O. Stadler Jr. levied a total of \$663 in fines plus court costs Monday when eight persons appeared before him on drunk charges.

Willis Johnson, 436 Bitter Ave., was fined \$150 after pleading guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated. He also was fined \$100 on a charge of driving with a suspended operator's license.

A passenger in his car, James H. Baurum, 103 Marion St., was fined \$45 on a charge of being drunk on a public highway. The two were arrested by state police Saturday night on Salem-Portland Freeway near Woodburn.

Jackson L. Kiser, Lebanon, was fined \$150 on a charge of driving while intoxicated and two passengers in his car, James O. Farrell of Albuquerque, N.M., and John B. McCord of Santa Monica, Calif., were each fined \$20 on charges of being drunk on a public highway.

The three were booked by state police Saturday night on the freeway near Hayesville.

Charles J. Thornhill, San Jose, Calif., pleaded guilty and was fined \$150 on a charge of driving while intoxicated. James Murdith Hatfield of Portland, a passenger in

Thornhill's car, was fined \$50 on a charge of being drunk on a public highway.

Charges of driving while intoxicated and of being drunk on a public highway against Vernon Beshore, Woodburn, were continued until Wednesday. Beshore was cited by state police early Monday morning on the drunk charge a mile north of Woodburn on Highway 99E.

A private complaint signed by Lester V. Meyrick of Clackamas charged him with driving while intoxicated.

Jory Rites Wednesday

Services for Edwin Anson Jory, 84, who died Sunday at his home 425 E. Hoyt St., will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in W. T. Ruffin chapel, the Rev. M. C. Miller officiating. Interment will be in Salem Pioneer Cemetery.

Jory was the father of Hollywood actor Victor Jory.

Multnomah County GOP Boss to Quit

PORTLAND, Aug. 12 (AP) — The chairman of the Multnomah County Republican central committee, Francis I. Smith, said today he will resign this week, probably Thursday.

Smith said he had called a meeting of the executive committee for that day to tender his resignation. He said he needed more time for his business affairs.

Earlier, Larry Langraver, Portland attorney, said he would accept the chairmanship if offered, but he is not an active candidate.

Prisoner Flees Troutdale Farm

PORTLAND, Aug. 12 (AP) — A 20-year-old prisoner serving a nine-month sentence for destruction of property escaped from the Multnomah County farm at near-by Troutdale today.

Police found prison clothes worn by Clayton W. Henderson beside an automobile the prisoner used in his escape. The car was found abandoned near Cascade Locks.

Lucky Angler Has No Fish

Sometimes the fisherman who doesn't have any luck is luckier than he thinks.

A state police officer who cited Anthony Robert Cardello, 1575 Marshall Dr., to Marion County District Court on a charge of angling in a closed portion of North Santiam River last week noted on the citation, "No fish in his possession."

So when Cardello pleaded guilty Monday, Judge E. O. Stadler Jr. suspended the \$20 fine. However, Cardello had to pay \$5 court costs.

Stolen Vehicle Found in Salem

A Marine Corps vehicle reported stolen from the 22nd Special Infantry Company in Aberdeen, Wash., was located Monday in Salem by city police.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified because the case involved theft of government property and interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle.

The vehicle was released to the Marine Reserve unit in Salem, of Peetz said.

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