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Irresponsible Brinkmanship

It is in the irresponsible brinkmanship practiced by Khrushchev in the recent Syrian-Turkey crisis that the greatest danger to world peace lies. After backing Syria to the point where that new satellite must have felt most any overt act would be backed by the might of the Soviet, Khrushchev over a glass of spirits practically laughed the whole thing off. In the meantime, the Turks fortunately had exercised reasonable restraint in the face of gibes and threats and the outbreak of war was averted, or seemed to have been, though flareups continue. In the meantime, the Reds extended their influence to a sharp extent.

The latter factor still may boomerang, though. More than one Arab nation isn't happy about Russia's meddling in the main point at issue, however, isn't the sabre-rattling tactics in an edgy world. It is one thing to stand firm in prepared positions, which has comprised the brinkmanship of Secretary of State Dulles, and another to whip up synthetic issues to encourage the outbreak of brush fires which some time may not be quenched as easily as Khrushchev laughed off this one. It must be recognized the Reds have extended their sphere without firing a shot, and where such insidious infiltration will stop no one knows. But under the present temper of hands-off the internal affairs of struggling nations, drawing the line is tricky business. Khrushchev's tactics make it even trickier. The only conclusion to be drawn from Syria is that Russia still will settle for something less than all-out victory rather than actually set off the flames of war.

Us Joes May Be In for Tough Time

Man, someone once said, can dream by the mile, but must live by the inch. Which is probably a good thing, what with the Space Age looming just around the next rocket blast. Scientists and other high level thinkers tell us the new era of space travel will be something shiny and bright. When man, as it were, will light his own fuse at last and blast himself into new freedoms and over old horizons. That's what the planners tell us.

But what will this glorious Satellite Saga mean to the Average Joe. You know—our Joe with his feet on radioactive ground, his shoulder to the electronic wheel and his nose still to the atomic grindstone. The guy who 500 years from now will come home from a full hour's work at the concentrated food plant and flip his plastic wig because those confounded space platforms and man-made planets are raising hob with his 5-D TV. Or because he was nearly clobbered on his way home by the 5 p.m. Moon Rocket Express.

Will his everyday problems be washed away in the rising tide of the Electronic Age? Or will he and his wife have the same old trouble meeting payments on their new space-mobile and cosmic ray stove? Will they still sit up waiting for the kids to come home from that dance on Mars? Will they still be asked to serve on PTA committees on inter-planetary relations? Will they still be drafted to work on citizens' committees to push bond issues to build parks on Saturn? Must they

turn out for Veterans' Day (veterans of the Mars-Venus-Saturn campaign) parades in government-controlled rain?

Because the Rocket Revolutionary will have absorbed science's startling advances and new discoveries inch by inch, maybe he won't even realize he is living in the Advanced Age. He will already be used to the fact that ministers no longer point upward (into all that space turmoil) when speaking of heaven. And he'll probably sneer "So what?" when he reads that someone has launched a satellite with a man in it around the dog star. And if the New York Yankees announce they're moving their ball club to the moon, Joe may only yawn and wonder out loud if the moon channel on his TV set is coming in clear.

Will the coming Space Age be a better one for all the Joes—average and otherwise? Will Joe still feel several centuries hence that his destiny is written in the stars—especially if he reads that Russian troops have crossed the 38th parallel on, say, Venus? —(C.P.)

Salem Marketing Area Takes Jump

Geographically, Marion County and Lane County (Eugene) are just about the same distance from the Benton County (Corvallis) border—just under 20 miles. And both Marion and Lane border directly on Linn. So it seems quite an achievement for the Salem Chamber of Commerce to have had Benton and Linn counties withdrawn from what is known as the West Central Oregon Marketing Center (headquarters Eugene) and added to the Mid-Willamette Valley Marketing Area (headquarters Salem).

The reason such could be effected, of course, rests in the fact that the most populous areas of Benton and Linn counties are near their northern boundaries, at some distance from Eugene. At any rate, the Business Research Bureau of the University of Oregon has seen fit to add Benton and Linn counties to Salem's Mid-Valley Marketing area, which also includes Marion, Polk and Yamhill, and thus deplete the Eugene Marketing Area which now includes Lane, Douglas and Coos counties.

The Eugene marketing area still has a greater population (271,280 to 258,810), but bank debts, regarded as a good criterion of general economic conditions, are much in favor of Salem (\$190,254,562 to \$157,447,093), with Salem's also showing a gain in the last reported month (September), while Eugene's lost.

Designation of market areas is important largely as it pertains to prospective industry, which both Salem and Eugene are trying to entice. Perhaps the classification will further the efforts of the Salem Chamber in this worthy enterprise. We hope so.

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Last year Norm Van Brocklin, the ex-Oregon gridiron star playing pro with the L.A. Rams, seemed headed for the showers. Then he snapped out of his slump, and his passes again found receivers. He certainly assured himself a contract for another year in his performance Sunday when, as the AP reporter wrote, he was "at his artistic best." His "deadly aerial game" helped the Rams defeat the S.F. 49ers, 37 to 24, before a crowd of over 100,000. Van Brocklin completed 14 out of 23 passes for 224 yards.

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Remember that old cure for warts? You go out to the graveyard at night and swing a dead cat around your head seven times while mumbling a real crazy ditty. Well, worry warts who haven't been able to dig up a deceased feline should know there is a gone canine swinging over their heads daily. And if they can't recall an authentic mumbo-jumbo there're always those Elvis Presley records.

Idaho Power Move Adds Fuel To High Hells Canyon Dam Fire

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12—Idaho Power Co., with the help of the Eisenhower administration, has demonstrated a remarkable knack for supplying ammunition to the public power-minded forces that have long fought for a high Hells Canyon dam in the Snake River where the company is now building two smaller projects.

Last spring, when it looked like the Hells Canyon backers were finally licked in their long effort to get Congress to enact their high dam bill, the administration gave Idaho Power a big tax write-off which the utility had sought. It amounted to a hefty subsidy for the power company, and would have cost the government \$83,500,000.

As a result of public indignation, the bill suddenly gained fresh support and passed the Senate. Idaho Power, bowing to the pressure of these events, threw back the tax privileges, and the bill bogged down once again. This time in the House Interior Committee where it now rests.

Now it comes to light that Idaho Power has been trying to get Bonneville Power Administration to go along with a draft contract which would provide the utility with a substantial government subsidy for those private dams which it has long claimed would be built "without

cost to the taxpayers."

The proposed contract would implement the useful idea of exchanging power between the Idaho company system, which needs more kilowatts in the summer for irrigation pumping in southern Idaho; and the Bonneville system, supplied by federal dams, which needs more energy in the winter when demands slacken in Idaho. But the kicker, according to those who have read the lengthy document, is that it should require Bonneville to give four kilowatt-hours for every one KWH supplied by the utility.

Unofficial estimates put the cost of the subsidy at about \$8,000,000 annually, which over the 50-year life of the dam would be worth \$400,000,000, not counting interest. That is well over the total cost of the high Hells Canyon dam, and over twice the investment Idaho Power is making in the Snake River at Hells Canyon.

The issue here, as seen by Northwest senators, is essentially the same as the one raised by the tax write-off: how can the power company ask for a federal subsidy after fighting the high dam with the argument that, even though the smaller private dams would be less beneficial, they would be built "at no cost to the taxpayer?" The principal reason advanced by the Eisenhower administration, when it supported the utility and opposed the federal high dam, was that the private dams would not cost the government any money.

The date on the draft contract is Jan. 29, 1957, which means that it has been under consideration by Bonneville officials over nine months. Reportedly many

Bonneville officials are very unhappy with the terms of the proposed contract, believing that Idaho Power should get only what it gives in any mutual power exchange. But for reasons that have been unexplained, the contract has not been rejected.

Backers of a high Hells Canyon dam, with this latest subsidy demand as a new weapon of attack, are now planning a renewed campaign when Congress opens in six weeks in hopes of getting House approval of the Hells Canyon authorization bill. They are counting on public indignation over Idaho Power's persistent efforts to get federal subsidization after promising to do the job entirely at private expense.

The biggest factor weighing against the Hells Canyon backers and in favor of the company is the physical fact of Brownlee dam's progressive rise from the riverbed of the Snake at a cost of millions to the company. It is scheduled to generate its initial energy in another year. If Congress should enact the high dam bill, the government would be liable for reimbursing the company. It is scheduled to generate its initial energy in another year. If Congress should enact the high dam bill, the government would be liable for reimbursing the company. It is scheduled to generate its initial energy in another year. If Congress should enact the high dam bill, the government would be liable for reimbursing the company.

The more probable outcome, economy-mindedness being as strong as it is in Washington these days, is that the administration will dissipate this latest issue by rejecting the subsidy demand, now that public attention is focused on it.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"... And to properly place the blame for the failure of our program I shall demand to know who thought up this satellite idea in the first place!"

Comes the Dawn Conrad Phaup

Well, our esteemed editor and publisher, the man who holds down the heavy end of this page shared his 70th birthday observance with the news staff Tuesday. Or, rather, the staff shared it with him. Main proceedings was a surprise breakfast at the early (for newsmen) hour of 8. Our editor was surprised. So was Night City Editor Russ Bieraugel. He was surprised to find daylight at 8 a.m. It might be said, with pardonable pride, that everybody looked fine. In fact, somebody said he had not seen so many white shirts and ties on Statesman staffers since the day Jane Russell visited Salem.

Then everybody moved to the Statesman newsroom where crowds of well-wishers dropped in most of the day for well-wishing and cake and coffee. It was a fine experience for all concerned. And if we don't eat anything for the rest of week those calories will all disappear—we hope.

If the Legislature plays along here for a little while more it and the current football season can wind things up together. The state high school quarter-finals are to be played Saturday. If the law makers get in their kicks early, digest all that advice from the sidelines, listen to all their coaches, and don't lose too much yardage on grandstand plays, then they, too, can blow the whistle Saturday and run their box-score with the other teams in Sunday morning papers. It would be nice, wouldn't it, if the Legislature and the ball players kicked their final goals at the same time. It's possible, too. After all, both operate from the T (for tax) position.

And there may be a surplus reason why Gov. Albert Rosellini of Washington is visiting the Capitol today. Seems that our sister state to the North, has a bulging, hollow deficit in its state treasury. And newspapers up there have been intimating that if Oregon wants to know how to get rid of its surplus it might ask Washington to send a couple of its legislators down here.

This may be the rainy season to most people. But to the city police department it is known as the Orange Hand and Unstuck Envelope season. When women parkers (and some men) give City Hall the old what for because rain-soaked overtime parking tickets color their hands, minds and hearts. Getting a ticket in the first place is bad enough, the gals moan. But when you have to wad a soggy ticket into a water logged envelope and stuff both into a small opening, it's enough to make you forget all those bargains you couldn't find.

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 300 words in length. Personal attacks and ridicule as well as libel, are to be avoided, but anyone is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question. Letters must be signed with names and full addresses.)

Says Taxes Are Harsh

To the Editor:
Visiting the State Legislature, we admired the firmness and stability of Senator Musa from The Dalles. To see these smart men in action is a liberal education. A good place for those who are harassed by the torment of ever-increasing taxes from all sides to visit.

Senator Musa is an accountant from The Dalles. Who would know better than he the state of the pocketbook of his clients? In our small way, we make out simple income tax reports without pay for some of the oldsters in the neighborhood. We were startled to find that one of them paid a State Tax last year for the first time, so modest is her income. All wrong, isn't it? Cruel.

We keep a file. We referred to it. Our first State Tax was in 1933. It was voted by the taxpayers of the State of Oregon in 1932 and at the height of the crushing depression—from which many of us will never recover. Its purpose? To have those who had no real property help relieve the burden of those who did in meeting State expenses. It did keep off the State property tax levy. It created a surplus. The Legislature raided our "cushion" and it jumped on a horse and rode in all directions—mostly "plush" directions.

This "plush" is our theme this morning. For we personally know teen-agers at all the State Colleges who have autos on the campus worth at least \$2,500 each. Their parents have 4 times the income we do. Let them pay their tuition. My tax will go to the kids who still have feet to walk from class to class, just as I walk the 1½ miles to town, if I have anything at all to say about it. No, none of my family was educated there. We paid their tuition and were proud to be that independent though we had to draw on our savings and during the depression, too, to get them established. It makes you feel just fine.

We are banded together in our neighborhood to vote against anything that is not absolutely necessary.

sary in the coming year. Our property tax has increased over 55 per cent in the past 10 years. We have reached the limit.
Edith E. White,
2093 Mill St.

Drag, Drug, Dragged

To the Editor:
I quote from The Statesman of Saturday, Nov. 9, 1957, column 7, page 10. "Wilson then backed up and heaved a long, high pass to Lillie who drug tacklers with him into the end zone."

This is a common misuse of the word drug which I hear almost daily. May I suggest that you consult a dictionary for the meaning of the word drug and also to find the past tense of the verb drag.

J. W. CARR
1645 Bonnie Way

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "They are excessively happy, and neither one of them seem to have a care in the world."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "indisputable"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Benignant, beneficently, belligerent, bibliophile.
4. What does the word "grais" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with uns that means "unprincipled"?

ANSWERS
1. say, "They are EXCEEDINGLY happy, and neither one of them SEEMS to have a care in the world." 2. Accent SECOND syllable, not the third. 3. Beneficially. 4. For nothing. (Pronounce gray-tiss). 5. Unscrupulous.

India recently returned to the United States \$50 million fine ounces of silver as partial payment for lend-lease aid given during the last war.

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from Page 1.)

the party take leadership in civil rights "rather than denounce Fausus." Finally it advises that the President must act swiftly to overcome complacency over the Sputniks.

What seems to me of prime importance is for the party to get a sense of direction. It is uncertain—or divided—over which way it should go. Regularly the party conventions have turned down the conservative candidates like Robert Taft, yet fundamentally Republicans, at least the party organization, remain pretty well committed to the conservatism which he stood for. The party liked Eisenhower as candidate, but its congressional leaders have not been dependable fighters for Eisenhower policies—sometimes many were in opposition.

It is true that the Democrats are as sharply divided as Republicans, or more so, particularly over civil rights. But the Northern Democrats are in the saddle. They have a clear sense of direction and are ready to ignore their Southern dissenters. They hope through alliance with organized labor to regain control of the administrative machinery of the government, and renew the drive toward New Deal goals, through perhaps at less rapid a pace.

Republicans have lost what ground Eisenhower gained for them in the South (which never was very secure). They must concentrate on reaching the voters in the northern and western states. The present strategy of the political planners is to ditch Secretary Benson as a sacrifice to win the farm vote in the Midwest; but that would be at the cost of the valid principles for which Benson has stood, with the backing of Eisenhower. The danger is that the party manipulators will devise a program of expediency rather than principle and hope by piecing together groups with special interests to be served and those with animosities to satisfy they can win a majority of voters. For this type of political machination Vice President Nixon seems particularly skilled.

Sometimes there is profit in waiting for issues to develop rather than try to thresh old straw. Perhaps Republicans would profit by "waiting for the breaks" as teams often do in basketball. They constitute a great body of public opinion, which needs guidance and direction. As Eisenhower's tenure in office diminishes others must step forward to supply party leadership.

Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1947
State Sen. Eugene Marsh of McMinnville and State Rep. Earl Johnson of Corvallis were named to the state emergency board by Gov. John Hall.

Plans are being made to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry Bates, Salem, with a public reception in the prayer room of the Presbyterian Church.

25 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1922
C. B. McCulloch, for the past 12 years bridge engineer for the State Highway department, was appointed assistant State Highway engineer. He succeeds R. H. Baldock, who sometime ago was elevated to the office of State Highway engineer.

In the recent election five former representatives were promoted to the Senate. Allan Bynon and Dorothy Lee from Portland will serve in the upper house. Other new senators are James T. Chincock, J. P. Yates and Harry L. Corbett.

40 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1917
With two days remaining of the \$35,000,000 war fund campaign of the Y.M.C.A., it was announced from the headquarters of the national war work council that the grand total of subscription raised through the United States totaled \$26,380,658.

Renewed expressions of sympathy for Belgium and assurances of the determination of the United States to prosecute the war against its oppressors were sent to King Albert by President Wilson in a cablegram congratulating the king on his birthday.

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Directors Plan Annual Salem UF Meeting

Plans for the annual Salem United Fund meeting were outlined Tuesday during a special UF board of directors meeting at Senator Hotel.

The meeting is scheduled for Friday noon, Dec. 6, at Hotel Senator, according to Joseph A. H. Dodd, special events chairman. The directors also appointed the nominating committee for approaching board of directors elections also set for Dec. 6.

Campaign chairman Clair Brown reported that \$226,000 is the last count for this year's UF campaign. United Fund president Elton Thompson pointed out that distribution of funds to member agencies will be based on the \$237,300 goal of the current campaign. Reallocation of funds, on the basis of the amount pledged during the campaign, will start after the first of the year, he added. The directors were also told that UF executive secretary Claude Kells, who has been in the hospital since Oct. 22, "is doing fine" and will be sent home by the end of this week.

Mother of Reporter Sets Up Loan Fund

A \$2,500 loan fund for students majoring in journalism was announced Tuesday at Willamette University by C. Herbert Smith, university president.

The fund was set up by Mrs. George Gladden, Portland, in memory of her son, George Ross Gladden, who was graduated in 1937. He was killed in an auto accident in January 1938. Gladden was editor of the Willamette Collegian in 1936-37, and was employed by The Statesman. He was an Oregonian reporter when the fatal accident occurred.

TB, Health Group to Hear Year Reports

Yearly reports of the health education and public relations and publicity committees will be given at the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Association meeting at 7:30 tonight in Marion County Health Department offices.

The meeting program is in charge of the health department, which will explain the office's function in tuberculosis prevention and treatment, said Mrs. Ruby Bunnell, executive director of the health association.

The report of the health education committee, which handles monthly health mailings of the association and films or programs for community groups, will be presented by the chairman, C. Sam Samuel. Public relations committee reports will be presented by chairman Mrs. Lynn Hammerstad, and members Mrs. George Birrell and Mrs. Pat Philippe.

An informal report on the progress of the annual Christmas seal program, which begins officially Friday with the mailing of the seals, is also expected, said Mrs. Bunnell.

Voice With Smile Wins Recognition

Thirty years as "the voice with a smile" won recognition Tuesday for Mrs. Myrtle Knerim, 1439 Hickory St. NE.

She was awarded a service emblem by PT&T for 30 years as a telephone operator, all in the Salem office. A grandmother with two grandsons, she is presently a night-duty operator. Emblems totalling 80-years of telephone service were presented. Others receiving awards were Mrs. Mary Sandstrom, Mrs. Patty Veto and Miss Arleta Wright, all 10 years service; Mrs. Ruth Melzer, Miss Bette Kosteckey, Mrs. Marguerite Howell and Mrs. Dorothy Sommers, five years.

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House GOP Answers Holmes With Letters

(Stories also on page 1)

Republican House members wrote a letter to constituents Tuesday answering Gov. Robert D. Holmes' Sunday television speech in which he urged voters to write Republican legislators in support of the Democratic plan to reduce income taxes 15 per cent.

"It is morally wrong," the Republican letter said, "to deliberately tax the people beyond present needs in order to create a slush fund for the special interests and government bureaus to grab at."

This was a blow at the Democratic plan under which most of the surplus would be turned over at the 1959 Legislature. The Republican plan for a 30-per-cent decrease would give nearly all of the surplus to the taxpayers.

Cost of Special Session \$92,000, If It Ends Today

Cost of the special Legislative session was estimated by Secretary of State Mark Hatfield Tuesday at \$92,000 if it could end today.

Hatfield said a 20-day session would cost around \$99,000. The special session enters its 17th day today.

Two months ago when the session was announced Hatfield estimated a 20-day operation would cost \$110,000.

The reduction has been made possible, he said, largely by a resolution that legislators return their \$100 volumes of Oregon revised statutes instead of keeping regular sessions.

Some cut-down in regular legislative staff has also reduced estimated costs, Hatfield said. Fewer committees than usual also have contributed to decreased costs.

Chief item in the estimate is the salaries for secretaries and committee clerks which would account for \$40,000 in a 20-day session, Hatfield said.

Printing costs will probably run between \$12,000 and \$15,000. A \$6,000 cost is attributable to salaries of five new members of the house who would not have been appointed to fill vacancies had the special session not been called.

An original appropriation from the state emergency board provided \$10,000 to open the session and an additional \$75,000 has been appropriated for operating expenses.

Governor, General Discover Mutual New York Interest

Gov. Robert D. Holmes and Lt. Gen. Lemuel Mathewson, new sixth Army Commander, discovered Tuesday they had more in common than a mutual interest in Oregon's National Guard and reserve forces. Mathewson, on a tour of installation and officials in his sixth Army Command, called on the Governor at the Capitol Tuesday and noted he was born at Bath, N. Y., just 15 miles from the Canisteo, N. Y., birthplace of Governor Holmes.

You Rely on Him

—For ever increasing needs. More and more you depend upon the farmer. You depend upon him as a friend and neighbor—as a skilled tiller of the soil—breeder of cattle—good businessman—as a man you trust and respect.

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