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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Last week Admiral Rickover who gets the chief credit for the building of the Nautilus, the first atomic-powered submarine, declared there should be a "complete reorganization" of our educational system. This echoed similar demands made by others since the Russians threw their space-ball up before we got ours off the ground. These demands center usually around infusion of more mathematics and science in our courses of study, as well as a general toughening up of scholastic requirements.

"Reorganizing" our school system is a mammoth undertaking, for it involves reversing or modifying greatly our philosophy of education. In this country we have been committed to universal education; and programs of study and advancement have been geared to that philosophy. To set and enforce higher standards of student performance, so we can be sure of enough scientists to keep us ahead of the Russians, would require a dual system where the brighter youth are pushed ahead and the duller are allowed to plod; or else let the dullards drop out at the end of the eighth grade at a lower age level. Which shall it be?

Already the proposal to emphasize the sciences and mathematics is drawing opposition. Educators are mustering forces to resist any such concentration of instruction and guidance. Chancellor John R. Richards of our state system of higher education, in an address to the state board and heads of

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The Weather

Today's forecast: Partly cloudy today and Saturday, fog to persist; partial afternoon clearing; high today 48, low tonight 36.

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Ike Heads for Paris Today

By J. W. DAVIS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — President Eisenhower, going tomorrow to Paris for the NATO summit meeting, will be flying into a storm of troubles.

Some of them are difficulties among the Allies. Others, and these are more serious, bear a made-in-Moscow tag.

In what was widely regarded as a move to hamstring Allied unity moves and foster neutralist sentiment, Russia announced tonight it was warning all members of the United Nations that "the danger of nuclear war has greatly increased." Moscow's theme is that the NATO meeting is designed to step up war preparations.

The Soviets proposed that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Communist Warsaw Pact group get together on a nonaggression pact.

The timing obviously was chosen to undercut the NATO meeting of chiefs of state. It was one of a series of maneuvers that seemed to have that same goal.

However, there were predictions that gains for the free world will grow out of the 15-nation meeting.

Selwyn Lloyd, British foreign secretary, said on his arrival in Paris that the conference will be "of historic importance" to the West.

Mutual Confidence

Democrat Adlai Stevenson, who helped the Republican Eisenhower administration draw up the American proposals for the meeting, said in Washington: "I hope and confidently believe that this meeting will be more than a spectacle and that it will rebuild mutual confidence and determination among the NATO partners."

Secretary of State Dulles left today for Paris.

One of the most troublesome inside-the-family difficulties is expected to be resistance of Frenchmen and some others to the building of American rocket bases on their soil.

North Africa Problem

Also, the French are demanding that the United States and Great Britain take a friendlier attitude toward France's problems in North Africa.

Eisenhower is expected to reach Paris Saturday afternoon. White House press secretary James C. Hagerty, who is already there, said today Eisenhower hopes to meet each chief of government while in Paris.

State Farm Employes Back From Training

Edwin B. Nelson, manager of new State Farm Mutual regional insurance headquarters opening here Monday, greets three of approximately 100 Salem-hired employes returning from training in Berkeley, Calif. Arriving at Salem airport Thursday are (left to right) Jan Curry, Jackie Posvar and Jan Van Someren. Others will come this week by train or car. (Statesman Photo.)

Logger Killed In Accident Near Valsetz

Statesman News Service

VALSETZ, Dec. 12 — A logging accident about noon today claimed the life of Leonard Boggs, about 54, resident of Lower Western logging camp two miles west of Valsetz.

He was employed by Georgia Pacific logging firm. The accident occurred on Yuchre Mountain in the Siletz river country of Lincoln county.

Boggs, a loader, was working near the landing when tongs used to lift a log slipped. He was pinned between the fallen log and another. Death was almost instant, said company officials. A Toledo physician was summoned to the scene.

The company spokesman said Boggs had been employed by them for several years. He was married and has a daughter about 12 years old.

The body was taken to Bollman Funeral Home in Dallas where services are pending.

AFL-CIO Re-Elects Meany, Raps Solon Racket Committee

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 12 (AP) — The AFL-CIO today re-elected George Meany president at the wind-up of its convention here. Meany called on labor to "stick to its knitting" in boosting wages and organizing new members.

The federation condemned the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee as unfair, but pledged to continue the drive to rid labor's ranks of corruption.

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Turner Youth Wins Vegetable Contest

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 12 (AP) — James R. Towery, 19, of Turner, Ore., was named western regional winner today in the annual Junior Vegetable Growers Assn. contest.

Towery's trip to Springfield was sponsored mainly by the Blue Lake Packers of Salem, Ore.

Fog Eases, But More Forecast

A fog spell that has gripped Salem and the Mid-Valley area this week will continue at least through Saturday, weathermen at McNary Field said.

The murky white stuff eased up in the Salem vicinity Thursday evening but forecasters said motorists probably will have to grope through it again this morning.

Thickest blanket of the current spell hit the area late Wednesday night through about 6 a.m. Thursday, with visibility rated at zero by weathermen. The Salem sector has been plagued by fog for five consecutive days through Thursday.

One airliner got into McNary Field about 2:30 p.m. Thursday but United Air Lines operations still are at a minimum because of conditions.

Post Office Mailing Hours Extended

To handle the Christmas mailing rush, which will probably reach its peak within the next few days, the post office will remain open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. including Saturdays, said Albert C. Gragg, postmaster.

Distant mailings should now be done by airmail to arrive for Christmas, and local mailings should all be first-class, he added.

50 More Teachers Needed, Salem School Board Hears

By RUSS BIERAUGEL
Staff Writer, The Statesman

About 50 additional teachers will be needed next year in Salem public schools, Salem School Board was told Thursday.

Most of the additional teachers, 26 to 30, will be required for junior high schools, largely because two new ones will be opening, district superintendent Charles D. Schmidt said. Twelve will be needed in senior high schools and seven in elementary schools, he estimated.

With a normal turnover of 65 to 70 a year, the district is faced with the task of hiring about 120 new teachers for the start of the 1958-59 school year, he pointed out.

Enrollment to Jump

School enrollment will increase by 450, he estimated. Attendance now stands at 13,451. This is 700 more than a year ago and an increase 52 since the third Monday of the school year, traditionally the date on which school officials figure that registrations are complete.

"These are all families that have moved in since the third week," Schmidt pointed out. Almost all the increase is in elementary schools, he added.

One new teacher may be needed before the end of this school year at Englewood School, Schmidt said. Several schools besides Englewood are "becoming overcrowded," assistant superintendent Arthur V. Myers added. He mentioned Morningside and McKinley.

New Construction

In the junior high schools the number of new teachers needed is partly due to to a large number of present 6th graders as well as the construction of two new schools, Schmidt said.

The class entering junior high school next year numbers more than 1,100 and it will be followed in 1959 with a class now numbering more than 1,400, he said.

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'Tag Santa' Game Tonight

Disguised Santas will stroll downtown Salem streets tonight between 7 and 8 p.m. ready to give away prizes to anyone who guesses their identity and says, "Tag, you're Santa."

Among the 25 Santas will be an extra generous one with $100 cash. The event, sponsored by the Downtown Salem Merchants, will be repeated Dec. 17 and 19.

Brando, Bride Said Parted

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12 (AP) — Reports circulated in the movie colony today that Marlon Brando and his bride have parted. He couldn't be reached.

The former Anna Kashfi denied the rumors, saying: "I'm just sitting home waiting to have my baby next July. When Marlon heard of it — the reports — he shrugged his shoulders."

When Brando was asked about the reports last week he gave his usual answer to such questions: "I won't say they're true and I won't say they're untrue. My private life is my own business and nobody else's."

They were married last Oct. 11 at the home of his aunt in suburban Eagle Rock.

Johnny Dio Found Guilty Of Extortion

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (Friday) (AP) — Racketeer Johnny Dio was found guilty early today on extortion and conspiracy charges.

He faces a maximum sentence of 31 years.

Found guilty on the same charges was John McNamara, president of Teamsters Local 295.

A General Sessions Court jury of 10 men and two women deliberated 2 hours and 45 minutes before bringing its verdict to Judge John A. Mullen.

The suave, 43-year-old Dio, whose real name is John Dioguardi, escaped conviction last spring in the acid-blinding of labor columnist Victor Riesel. But he was sentenced in September to two years on conviction of extorting money from an employer in return for labor peace.

Dio reputedly is one of the kingpins of labor racketeering in the New York area.

Dio and McNamara were accused of conspiring to commit extortion, and of shaking down two stationery firms for $4,700 in 1956. The trial started Oct. 9.

Ten-Cent Meters Favored

Ten-cent-an-hour charges for parking in the downtown parking meter zone was agreed informally Thursday by Salem Citizens Advisory Traffic Council as the best way to create a bigger turnover of parkers.

This opinion countered the position of Downtown Salem Merchants Association that parking should remain at 5 cents an hour but with a two-hour limit and strict enforcement.

The advisory group will give further study to both ideas before making its recommendations to Salem City Council which has referred the merchants' request to the traffic body for study.

Area in question is the entire downtown section now served by one-hour city parking meters. Merchant association leaders said "meter feeders" are taking up too much of the street parking space all day long. They also expressed the position that actual shoppers should be allowed to park two hours in one place in order to complete their business.

In discussing the alternate plan of charging five cents for a half hour of parking, advisory traffic committeemen based their favorable attitude on a similar parking meter system in Eugene. They said it has been considered successful in eliminating all-day meter feeders and creating bigger turnover in the parking spaces.

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State Hospital Escapee Held After Chase

Two patients escaped from a State Hospital ward Thursday evening but one of them, committed following the fatal shooting of his wife, was captured after a chase in the Hayesville area, state police reported.

Apprehended after a lengthy scramble through brush north of Salem was Willie Moore, 67-year-old Portland Negro. Officers Russell Carlisle and Joe Balfe said they were forced to fire into the air several times before catching the escapee about 9:15 p.m.

Moore and Malcolm Levinson, 22, California, a narcotics addict, fled the institution about 6:45 p.m. after apparently obtaining a key and unlocking a door in medium security ward 31, according to Dr. Dean Brooks, hospital superintendent.

Dr. Brooks said Moore was committed from Portland about three years ago after his wife was shot to death. The superintendent added, however, that neither escapee was believed dangerous.

The pair slipped from the ward unseen after obtaining the key from a source not immediately learned, Dr. Brooks said.

Levinson, described as 6 foot 3 in height and dark complexioned, remained at large early this morning. Officers said that once they caught up with Moore, he offered no resistance.

Quick Stop Rushes Arrival of Twins

POZZUOLI, Italy, Dec. 12 (AP) A young married couple, Luigi and Luisa Tufano, were driving to Naples today when Luigi slammed on the brakes to avoid a traffic jam.

Cars that piled up behind them stopped honking horns when they found out what had happened.

When Luigi's car slammed to a halt Luisa gave birth to twin girls. At the nearest hospital the twins were pronounced fine, healthy babies.

Indonesia Chief 'Held By Army'

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Dec. 12 (AP)—President Sukarno, officially described as tired in this period of crisis over ousting the Dutch, may take a rest cure soon in India or Egypt.

This was learned today as the crisis sharpened. The Indonesian army canceled all leaves and ordered its troops to remain at hand in their barracks.

Premier Djuanda told Parliament one reason the President had postponed his proposed visit this month to Rome, Paris and Latin-American capitals was that he was "physically and mentally tired" and needed rest badly.

Drain on Energy

Also cited were the drain on Sukarno's energy from internal developments in this latest squabble with the Netherlands over the future of West New Guinea, and security reasons after the recent attempt on his life.

(In Washington, Indonesian Ambassador Moekarto Notowidigdo, said Sukarno is leaving Indonesia for a rest in a neighboring country and Parliament Speaker Sartono, 56, will take over as acting president. Sartono is regarded as a moderate nationalist.

(At The Hague, the Netherlands Christian radio network broadcast: "Reports reach us tonight from a private source in Jakarta which speak of rumors circulating there that Sukarno .... is in fact a prisoner of the army. . . He is supposed to fly to India very soon, which in fact means that he will be in asylum there.")

Heavily Guarded

The 56-year-old President, father of the revolution that won independence from the Dutch in 1949, was heavily guarded by 20 armed motorcyclists, eight jeeploads of shock troops and two troop carriers when he went to the place in his bullet-proof car.

There was no substantiation of rumors heard in Amsterdam.

Girl Found Safe After Isle Search

SEATTLE, Dec. 12 (AP) — A five-year-old Vashon Island girl who had been missing for seven hours was found alive and in apparent good condition in a deep ravine on the island late tonight.

Some 200 men had started combing the island for little Maxine Moss when she was found.

Jet Bomber Falls; 8 Dead At Spokane

Wing Commander Among Victims as Huge Jet Spills Shortly After Takeoff

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 12 (AP)—A giant B52 jet bomber crashed shortly after takeoff from Fairchild Air Force Base about 15 miles west of Spokane today, sending up a mushroom-shaped cloud of smoke that was seen miles away.

Eight crewmen were reported killed. The tail gunner, Sgt. Jean I. Grey, 25, Augusta, Kan., miraculously survived a low level ejection from the plane. He was not injured.

Sgt. Elmer E. Clark of Dallas, Tex., a member of the emergency crash crew, said that five crewmen apparently jumped from the plane, but only one survived. The other four died in the wreckage, he said.

Clark said the huge cloud was caused by exploding jet fuel.

A-Weapons Carrier

The Air Force has said that some of its bombers carry nuclear weapons on training flights but that there is no chance they could accidentally explode. Officials said the B52 was on a routine training flight but they would not say whether it was carrying a nuclear weapon.

Wreckage from the nine-million dollar bomber was strewn over several hundred yards of the field where it came down just off a Fairchild runway.

Clark said that after the eight-jet bomber had left the runway, its nose went up and then it tilted over on its right wing and fell to earth. It exploded after hitting.

Backbone of SAC

The Boeing-built B52, a prime nuclear bomb carrier of the Strategic Air Command, replaced the B36 bomber at Fairchild earlier this year.

Col. Clarence A. Neely, commander of the 92nd Bomb Wing at Fairchild, was one of the victims. Ironically, it was Col. Neely who flew the first B52 to Fairchild in March.

Col. Neely, 45, was a native of Sioux City, Iowa. It wasn't known immediately whether he was flying the plane.

Names of five other dead were released. They included:

Capt. Herbert H. Spiller, 32.

Capt. Douglas F. Schwartz, 36, Minneapolis, Minn.

Capt. Douglas E. Gray, 33, Guthrie, Ky.

1st Lt. James D. Mann, 34, Butte, Mont.

Maj. Ralph R. Alworth, 38, Oilton, Okla.

Icy Blast Hits Crops In South

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
(Picture on Wirephoto page.)

Freezing weather ranged deep into the South Thursday. Vegetable crops and citrus were hard hit in Florida and the lower Rio Grande Valley.

A cold wave rolled through the Midwest across the eastern half of the nation before hitting the South. The cold and accompanying snow storms were blamed for at least 29 deaths.

The Florida freeze was one of the worst of the century. Damage was expected to soar into the millions. Early morning temperatures ranged down to 18 degrees at Crestview. Ice was a common sight in the central and northern sections of the citrus belt.

For most of Florida, the weather was the coldest for the date since 1934—and another night of freezing weather was in prospect. The 1934 freeze was one of the most injurious to citrus and other crops in the state's history.

Damage to beans and cucumbers in Broward County on the east coast was estimated at two million dollars.

The freeze was the second major blow of the season to the citrus and vegetable crops in the Rio Grande Valley. The first freeze hit Dec. 1.

Twenty-nine of the weather deaths were caused by fires. The remainder resulted from traffic accidents in snow storms, freezing, falls on ice or overexertion from shoveling snow.

Record Pay To Jobless On Forecast

The state's first $1-million week of the season in unemployment compensation claims came a month earlier this winter than last year, the State Unemployment Commission announced Thursday.

With 50,000 persons seeking work and 36,000 covered by compensation, indications are that payments this month will break $5 million for the first time in history.

The trust fund is expected to drop to $41 million by the end of the year for the lowest mark since the end of World War II.

Unless conditions improve markedly, the fund will fall below $30 million by March 31, automatically raising the employer tax to a flat 2.7 per cent of payrolls. The rate now ranges from that figure down to .6 per cent.

Holmes Asks Race Attitude Improvement

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 — Gov. Robert D. Holmes told a meeting of northern governors here Thursday that Oregon has "the job of changing wrong attitudes" through education to improve racial relations in the state.

"We must face up to and immediately begin to solve our No. 1 problem which is discrimination in housing," Holmes told officials from 12 northern states which have fair employment practice laws.

"In Oregon we have done very well and are doing better all the time, but we still have the job of changing wrong attitudes, a job not just for legislation but for education in its largest sense," Holmes said.

The Oregon chief executive called on his northern colleagues "to speak frankly of our failures and to plan programs that will move us ahead," rather than "to boast of any success with which we have eliminated discrimination in employment, education, and social areas."

Arsonist Loose

SPOKANE, Dec. 12 (AP) — A firebug set two more fires in downtown Spokane today, firemen said —one in the city hall itself. Damage was minor in both.

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Proposal for New Wing on State Capitol Gains Ground

Proposed construction of a south wing on the Oregon Capitol received general approval Thursday from members of the State Capitol Planning Commission.

Such a wing would extend the Capitol out to State Street, making space for additional offices and legislative committee rooms. The wing has been proposed by Capitol architect Francis Keally of New York, but it has not yet been considered by the Legislature.

Capitol expansion was one of several Capitol area projects studied by planners at a meeting in the Statehouse Thursday.

Present legislative rooms are inadequate and lack convenient access, it was stated by Charles A. Sprague, Salem member of the Capitol Planning Commission. The wing would include, besides legislative rooms, a small first floor museum, he added.

Sprague said he considered the proposed new wing "very desirable." Other commissioners indicated the same and decided to recommend that the Board of Control and the Legislature consider the expansion plan.

On another Capitol building subject, the commissioners approved a pink and gray color scheme for a repainting of the Capitol rotunda as authorized in the present state budget. Architects had first recommended the pink and gray colors, for painting from the high ceiling down to the murals.

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'Chop-It-Yourself' Christmas Tree Jaunts Thing-of-the-Past for Valley

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman

The day of Papa and the boys going out to cut the family Christmas tree while Mama and the girls stay home to bake is apparently over.

Numerous telephone calls into farm areas Thursday revealed no farmers willing to permit cutting of trees on their farms without charge. It did reveal quite a few farmers in the Salem area set to prosecute anyone found "stealing" trees on their land.

However, there were some tree growers in the mid-Willamette Valley area who would permit customers to select their trees on the stump and cut them at a reasonable charge.

Ted Maul, executive assistant at the state forestry offices in Salem, said that Christmas trees have become a "regular crop" on farms, with growers "zealously protecting them just as they would their potatoes or any other crop."

In former years, he pointed out, little attention was paid to tree farming and many farm owners had no objection to people helping themselves to a Christmas tree. Now, trees have become valuable and the theft of these trees is a serious loss to owners.

New laws provide that cutting trees on any land without the owner's permission is cause for a warrant of arrest on a larceny charge as well as liability to pay treble damages for trees cut.

No Christmas tree cutting is being permitted in the state forests, Maul said. He added that lands readily accessible need reforesting, not cutting, and other areas where it might be possible to permit cutting are too difficult to supervise because they are too hard to reach.

To his knowledge, the forester said, the only public woods open to Christmas tree cutting are Larch Mountain on the Columbia or the Summit ranger area a short distance beyond Government Camp. Tree cutting here, however, is permissible only this Friday, Saturday or Sunday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The price per tree taken away from the national forests is $1. Each person may take more than one. A ranger will be stationed a mile inside the Larch Mountain forestry boundary, and another at Summit ranger station to issue necessary permits for cutting.

On the Brighter Side . . .

By John Ericksen

New Triplets BROOKS, Dec. 12—Myron Harper, Rt. 1, Brooks, proudly displays triplet lambs born recently to one of his Dorset ewes. The little fellows are nearly identical and are all in excellent health.

Crippling Impact From Subway Tieup Subsides

(Picture on Wirephoto Page.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Striking subway motormen tonight demanded full amnesty as their price for ending a crippling four-day walkout. They also insisted on a voice in collective transit bargaining.

They asked Mayor Robert F. Wagner to meet with them as soon as possible to discuss their proposal, which they called "a fair basis for settling the strike."

Earlier in the day, the Trafsit Authority offered the motormen partial amnesty as the strike rapidly lost its impact. More lines were returning to service and strikers by the score joined a back to work movement.

The strikers turned down the partial amnesty plan, which would have enabled the TA to fire some of the motormen with the approval of an impartial referee.

The strikers demanded a guarantee of no reprisals of any kind, representation on a contract negotiation committee and the right to administer any collective bargaining agreement for themselves.

They also asked that a bargaining election scheduled for the transportation system next Monday be postponed.

Cheering and applauding, the strikers unanimously adopted the proposals.

Over-all, service on the subways already was back to 61½ per cent of normal, almost twice as good as it was Tuesday at the height of the strike. Above and below ground, the chaos that had gripped the crippled city was subsiding.

The evening rush hour went off without a hitch.