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Affairs in Mess In Indonesia

Early rumors Thursday that President Sukarno was being ousted from office in Indonesia were followed with dispatches from Jakarta to the effect that he was going to a neighboring country for rest. He is reported as suffering from mental and physical exhaustion as a result of the continuing crisis in Indonesian affairs.

One can well believe that for things in Indonesia are in a mess. Out of spite because The Netherlands refuses to turn over West Guinea to them, the Indonesians have proceeded to seize Dutch properties—banks, shipping lines, plantations. After workers acted on their own initiative, the government stepped in to seize and hold the offices and industries. This is socialism without compensation, a violation of treaty obligations to Holland, and it can't help but demoralize business in Indonesia. Add to this the political complications of party and religious strife, of Communist and non-Communist contention—no wonder Sukarno looks for a haven where he may for a season shed some of the cares of office—and the risks as well, for would-be assassins tossed grenades at him a few weeks ago.

In a situation like this other nations can render no help. These newly emancipated peoples are so allergic to "colonialism" that they are afraid to accept foreign aid lest somehow it prove contaminating or expose them again to foreign domination. The West is afraid that this turmoil may work to the advantage of Communism, but there is no assurance that will be the result either, save that when things get too bad some cohesive minority may seize power. That might be a Communistic group, or it might be a Moslem group or a non-Communist group.

These new nations, recognized as independent and dignified with admission to United Nations, lack maturity. They lack the skills that come with political experience and the responsibilities of political management. Until they acquire it their affairs will continue turbulent, their economies unstable. The outside world will have to be patient; but in situations like this in Indonesia other nations should protest the crude treatment of the Dutch. If Indonesia wants to be respected as an independent nation it should demonstrate its capacity for self-government and its disposition to deal fairly with citizens of other nations.

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Russia may have a secret weapon, at that. We're told Sputnik 5 is to be a one-ton affair capable of jamming radio and TV all over the world. Well, if Russia really wants to get the American people up in arms, just let 'em try something like that. Anytime someone interferes with Superman, the Lone Ranger, $64,000 Question, Ozzie and Harriett or their ilk, there won't be any trouble voting billions for a counter-satellite program.

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A pacer named Torpid has been named Harness Horse of the Year. What's in a name?

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Yep, only 10 shopping days 'til Christmas.

School Plan Goes Almost Full Cycle

Things have gone almost full cycle down at Walteria School 25 miles south of Los Angeles. The "little red school" this time is a modern sprawling structure amid spacious lawns but in part its operation doesn't differ greatly from its disappearing counterpart. Grades one, two and three study and recite in one room; grades four, five and six in another. There are several rooms of each such mixture.

Reports of the experiment say 90 per cent of the parents are satisfied the plan makes for better scholastic progress and more social development. Administrators report teachers are finding a new and interesting challenge—"a teacher can't bring out the same old Lewis and Clark pictures with multigrading because he still has two-thirds of the pupils he had the year before." Results indicate that pupils in the multigrade rooms (only half of Walteria's 750 students are involved in the experiment) are ahead of their contemporaries in attitudes, arithmetic, reading and language.

"Younger children learn from the older; the older are stimulated to assume leadership and responsibility," school officials say.

We are presenting the Walteria picture not as suggestion but only as an interesting offshoot of so-called progressive education. It apparently takes all kinds of schools to make up a world.

Watch for That 'Chuting Mouse

If you should see a mouse parachuting to earth, don't run. It'll be our mouse, not a Red one. More particularly, it'll be a mouse sent aloft by the Austin Rocket Society of Austin, Minn. A story on the project intrigued us quite considerably.

The Austin Rocket Society, a group of teenagers supervised by the Austin High School physics-chemistry teacher, has made 35 successful rocket launchings in 110 attempts in the last two years. One involved a mouse. It was unsuccessful in a way because the mouse blew up with the rocket. But next time the mouse will have a means of exit.

Maybe the Austin Rocket Society should take over Vanguard and Jupiter.

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Step-up in scientific research is fine but the Medford boy who mixed up a special rocket fuel went a little too far. Burns and glass splinters put him in a hospital pronto. Budding scientists had better absorb the basics in chemistry before setting their sights on the moon.

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Red China is adopting the western (Latin) alphabet from A to Z in its attempt to teach its millions to read and write. That is a revolution, but one we can commend.

Editorial Comment

Mistaken View

In an editorial headed, "Nothing Wrong With Dry Zone" the Oregon Statesman misses the point of the argument here in Eugene. The Salem newspaper refers to "opening up the 'dry zone' around the campus to beer taverns.

If it were a matter of opening up the area to beer taverns the issue would be easier to decide. But that is not the case. It is whether grocery stores, in competition with other grocery stores in the city, should be able to sell packaged beer. Four of them which desired to do so, were okayed by the city council, but turned down without action by the state liquor commission.

It is natural for others in the state to be interested in this problem because it involves the state university. But, it is also important to understand that the issue is not a matter of opening up new beer taverns where the liquid is sold by the glass. (Eugene Register-Guard).

Chance of United Action During NATO Parley Not Too Apparent

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

So far the United States has submitted nine topics for next week's NATO meeting, six of which are strictly military.

None offers any truly striking suggestion for projecting the organization into the cold war.

For nearly two years now the need for a united political and economic front against Russia has been discussed by NATO leaders with little result.

This year the United States has been seeking a formula to reiterate its leadership of the group and to reassure a wavering Europe of the continuing vitality of its interest.

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So far, nothing has been produced. The State Department's move to present a picture of bipartison unity in America through Adlai Stevenson has been at best only partly successful. It may not have come off at all, because of Stevenson's refusal to accept any responsibility by going to Paris without any authority.

Secretary Dulles left the door open for additional political policy presentations when he specified that the United States had submitted its military proposals.

But one of the policy papers concerned unity, and was couched in very general terms. If the President is coming up with something specifically important in that field, it has not leaked out.

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Indeed, the conference will begin on several notes of disunity. There is as yet no general agreement among the European nations as to whether they want nuclear stockpiles and missile launching platforms.

This probably will be settled on an individual basis. Britain has accepted, Norway and Denmark have indicated rather specifically that they won't. The whole matter of nuclear strategy is tentative until this problem is resolved.

The Big Three are divided to the point of anger against Britain and the United States on the part of France because of their intervention in the Tunisian arms situation.

France is still angry at the United States over Suez, and so is Britain to a lesser degree.

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This vitally affects the suggestion that NATO should adopt joint policies applying to situations outside the region it was specifically designed to defend.

Such a policy is sorely needed with regard to the Middle East, which lies directly athwart the NATO line to Turkey.

Some countries would like to see a closer alignment between NATO and other free world defense organizations such as SEATO, Baghdad, and Latin-American pacts, beyond the joint memberships of Britain and the United States. The United States considers this unwieldy.

These and other things all cast doubt on the possibility of any great results from the meeting.

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

Dec. 13, 1947

A continuous stream of interested spectators were on hand to see the 103 racing pigeons on display at the Cherry City racing club's four-day show at the YMCA, under the direction of Doug Chambers, club president.

Salem High School's annual homecoming program, an event started here by the late James C. Nelson when he was principal, will be held at the school, with a special assembly. Dave Hoss will serve as master of ceremonies for the alumni.

25 Years Ago

Dec. 13, 1932

Decision to build a fire escape chute from the balcony of the high school gymnasium and to revise the pupil transportation contract recently drawn up with T. E. McLean were the chief items of business transacted by Salem school directors.

A special feature of the homecoming of the Odd Fellows lodge held at Silverton was the presentation of a 25-year jewel to Clay Allen.

40 Years Ago

Dec. 13, 1917

Standing in a downpour of rain for three hours without grumbling, 10,000 persons witnessed the grand military pageant and horsemanship exhibition at Camp Lewis.

James Elvin, pastor of the First Congregational Church, and a member of the State Penitentiary Parole Board, received orders to report at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Okla., to become general secretary of one of the YMCA buildings.

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"I suggest we shorten the first grade part of the program . . . half an hour is too long for them to behave like angels . . ."

Comes the Dawn — by Conrad Prange

How Christmasy can you get? The Santa Claus at one of Salem's big stores brought his lunch with him the other day. This isn't so unusual since the trip to the North Pole and back during the noon hour is a little tiring. But someone noticed that Santa had his sandwiches wrapped in gift wrapping. Probably the only thing Mrs. Claus could find around the house . . .

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And speaking of the yule, a string of red and green lights have been blinking from the Capitol dome since Monday night. But they have been partially hidden by the fog. Which has led to rumors that the city has finally put traffic lights up there . . .

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They are getting ready to install the big Christmas tree in the Capitol rotunda again. And there seems to be some argument over the kind of tree to set up. Many Republicans, we understand, have recommended a Noble Fir, decorated with Forget-Me-Nots. Other Republicans are insisting on a Yewander tree. Democrats are holding out for a holme-grown ballot Box Alder trimmed with May Flowers. Nobody seems to want a Weeping Willow, a Slippery Elm or a Chestnut. State employes, however, have shown preference for a money tree, but will probably have to settle for a Lonesome Pine . . .

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Well, we knew it would happen. If you read the classified ad section you know a Salem car dealer is holding a "pre-Easter Sale." What with the Christmas hoopla starting before Thanksgiving, it seems only natural to look to Easter before Christmas is past. You can't hardly tell the holidays without a program, anymore.

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If things go well, the statehouse should be all lit up for Christmas. The building, that is. Through the efforts of the Salem Contractors Exchange and Portland General Electric, who are donating much volunteer time, big outside arc lights will soon illuminate the Capitol at night. Outside, anyway . . .

IT SEEMS TO ME

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institutions, decried the "Semi-hysteria" of these days which threatens to unbalance our education. At national levels similar resistance to the surge to science is noted, and that with no disrespect to the value of education in science or the need to employ research and technology for our security.

One notes, in this connection, a report that the administration is making ready a proposal for federal aid to science education to the amount of $287 million over a five-year term. This would go to supplement wages of science teachers and otherwise to encourage progress is science study. What happens to the idea of state control of education if this goes through? In the past the Eisenhower program for aid to education has been limited to aid for schoolhouse construction, with hands kept off courses of study entirely. This new proposal goes right to the heart of education control — the management of courses to be taught. One wonders if the foes of federal aid for schoolhouse construction, who used the argument of "no federal interference," will fight federal aid to science instruction. They will if they are sincere. Chances are however that under the impetus of catching up with the Russian sputniks Congress will put up this much money—or more—to speed up and extend science instruction.

All this will come to a head in the next session of Congress. In a more vital way than ever before the subject of education will be under review by Congress. Shall the schools, under the spur of military competition with Russia, come under federal control by the device of tenders of federal aid for specific courses, or not? Friends of the new proposal may point to federal aid to schools for vocational and agricultural education as a precedent, which in truth it is. But add a few more federal grants for special projects and the schools will be marching more and more in step with national policies.

We have not thought through as yet just what we must do by way of strengthening our school system, nor just how we should do it. A quick money plaster from the U.S. treasury is hardly the prescription which is needed. Let us hear from educators, as we have in timely season from Chancellor Richards. After all they are professionals who have just as keen a sense of citizen-responsibility as admirals and politicians.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We have read into your manuscript, and we are returning same to you herewith."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "cynosure"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Sobriquet, sovereign, soulless, somniferous.
4. What does the word "peculate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with so that means "subtle reasoning or argumentation"?

ANSWERS

1. Omit "into," and say, "we are returning IT to you." Omit "herewith." 2. Pronounce sie-noh-shoor, accent on first syllable. 3. Somniferous. 4. To embezzle; misappropriate. "An honest politician will resist all the chances he is presented to peculate." 5. Sophistry.

Tavern Thief Leaves Blood

Beer, cigarettes and $6 in cash were taken in a burglary early Thursday morning at Marsh's Tavern, 2090 Front St. NE, but city police said the loot cost the thief some blood.

Investigation indicated the burglar, shielded by dense fog, carried away six cases of beer and 12 cartons of cigarettes. A $5 bill was taken from a cigar box and also missing was $1 in change.

Detectives said a trial of blood led from a broken-out corner window to a beer cooler and then to a rear door. The thief apparently cut himself in breaking the window glass, officers added.

Realtors to Elect Officers

Election of officers will be the main business at Salem Board of Realtors noon luncheon meeting today at Hotel Marion.

Nominees are Chester Nelson, president; Allen Jones, vice-president; John E. Black, secretary; W. B. Stevens, treasurer; and Jack M. Miller, director; Edward Lukinbeal, appraisal board; and Ronald Kraus, appraisal board.

A discussion of recent developments in land use and subdivision requirements will follow the election of officers. Howard C. Reydlauff and Earl Harbin from the Federal Housing Administration office, Portland, will speak.

High Street Lane Lining Wins Boost

(Story also on Page 1.)

Recommendations on several traffic and parking problems were made to the Salem City Council Thursday when the Citizens Advisory Traffic Council met at City Hall.

Besides discussing downtown parking charges and time limits, the advisory body recommended favorable action on these matters:

Lane lining and center lining on High Street between Division Street and Knapp Place; install two-hour parking meters on both sides of Marion Street between High and Liberty Streets; and on both sides of Ferry Street between Church and Cottage Streets with the exception of one 24-minute meter on west corner of Cottage and Ferry Streets; and make Madison Street a through street between Winter and 5th Streets.

The council recommended against a request for permanent cross walk signs on Center Street in front of the State Hospital.

Favorable recommendation was given to moving seven parking meters, in the 200 block of High Street, four feet south to allow a four foot walk-way—loading zone in front of Bradley's Bicycle Shop, 237 High St. NE.

A similar plan for the 100 block of Commercial St. was recommended to allow a four-foot walkway in front of the Harry W. Scott cycle shop.

Coast Cutoff Car Crash Hurts Woman

Statesman News Service

DALLAS, Dec. 12—A young Salt Creek woman suffered ankle, shoulder and head injuries early this morning in a fog-shrouded accident west of Dolph's Corner on the new coast cutoff route, Dallas ambulance attendants said.

The injured woman, identified as Mrs. Rose Mary Hevner, 26, was taken to Bartel Hospital at Dallas, where attendants listed her condition as "fair." Her injuries included fractures of ankle and shoulder bones.

The accident reportedly occurred about 4 a.m. when a pickup driven by the woman plunged into a ditch about 2.4 miles west of Dolph's Corner. A 3-year-old daughter, Vickie Lynette, suffered shock but otherwise escaped injury.

Ambulance men said fog was so dense they were unable to locate the accident site until about 5 a.m. Furniture and other household goods piled on the pickup were scattered about the scene.

The two reportedly were enroute to Eastern Oregon to join the husband and father, Larry Hevner.

Chamber Aide Quits Post

Resignation of Mrs. Marjorie Gabriel Neilsen from her post as assistant to Salem Chamber of Commerce Manager Stanley Grove was announced Thursday.

Mrs. Neilson, who has held the position for 3½ years, will continue temporarily to assist the Chamber with the Monday noon forum luncheons.

Her resignation, effective Feb. 1, was prompted by a desire to spend more time with her husband and three sons. She will also assist her husband in the operation of Neilsen's Metal Industries, located on Portland Road in the former Electro Watt Industries building.

Retarded Children Directors to Meet

Board of directors of the Oregon Association for Retarded Children will meet Saturday at Fairview Home.

Committee meetings and compilation of a list of education and budget proposals for consideration by the Oregon interim committee on retarded children will be the principal considerations of the meeting. Salem representatives on the state Association board of directors are Elton Brutscher and Virgil P. Long.

Warren Pahl Heads Ainsworth Lodge 201

Warren C. Pahl is the new worshipful master of Ainsworth Lodge 201, AF&M, of Salem, elected to replace Roy R. Burch.

Other officers elected were Fred J. Schrecengost, senior warden; John F. Swigart, junior warden; Neil P. Whiting, treasurer; and E. D. Potter, secretary. A joint installation ceremony with Salem Lodge 4 is scheduled for Dec. 18, 8 p.m. at Masonic Temple.

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Oregon's Highway Death Toll Nears All Time Record

Oregon has chalked up the third highest yearly traffic toll on record, an unofficial 441, the State Motor Vehicle Department reported here Thursday.

There were 20 traffic fatalities in the first 11 days of December. The all-time high of 482 traffic fatalities was in 1946, officials said.

Woman Rushed To Hospital Dies

Mrs. Edna L. Schaefer, 20, late resident of Salem Route 5, Box 151, died Wednesday night at a Salem hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Schaefer was hospitalized last Nov. 27 for treatment of ruptured blood vessels in the throat after an emergency trip by ambulance was given police help to avoid a train.

Born in West Virginia Sept. 11, 1937, she was married to Richard D. Schaefer in Salem April 26, 1956. The couple had lived northwest of Aumsville since their marriage.

Mrs. Schaefer attended Salem schools after coming to Oregon five years ago with her foster parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Bennett, now of Fords, N.J.

The deceased was a member of the First Methodist Church of Salem.

Surviving besides the widower and foster parents are two brothers, three sisters and several foster brothers and sisters.

Funeral arrangements are in care of Clough-Barrick Mortuary.

Packers Ask Veterinarian To Convention

Dr. K. L. Peterson, state veterinarian with the State Agricultural Department, has been invited to speak at the 12th annual Western States Meat Packers Association convention in San Francisco, Cal., slated for Feb. 18 to 20.

He recently was elected president of the National Assembly of Livestock sanitary officials and will speak at the livestock conservation session of the conference. Harold Kummer, Hillsboro, is chairman of this session.

Peterson will stress the progress being made to eradicate brucellosis in the western states.

Administrator Resigns Job

State Finance Director John F. Richardson Thursday announced the resignation of William W. Collier, Administrator of the Management Research Division, effective Jan. 15. Collier is to enter private business.

Collier came into the finance department when it was set up in 1951.

Richardson said Collier's successor probably would be announced within a few days.

Engineering Survey of Capitol Area Accepted

(Story also on Page 1.)

An engineering survey of Oregon's Capitol area was accepted Thursday by State Capitol Planning Commission members at their meeting in the Capitol.

Final drawings were prepared by Western Engineering Co., designed to advise planners on elevations, utility installations, tree heights and types and related general engineering problems in connection with plans for future development of the Mall and the Capitol Group.

Architects will meet with the commission late next week to go over various alternate plans for the development program.

Commission members indicated they might seek several changes in the Mall master plan submitted to the State Board of Control some time ago. This model is now on display in the capitol rotunda. Speeding up the work of the architects was proposed at Thursday's meeting.

Only structure proposed for construction during the current biennium is the labor and industries building approved by the 1957 legislature. This building will be located in the block directly north of the state library building.

G. W. Gleeson, Corvallis, commission chairman, said he hoped location of future buildings along the mall could get under way within a short time.

Mrs. Cavanaugh Elected to Lead Health Committee

Mrs. Thomas Cavanaugh was elected chairman of the Salem Citizens Advisory Committee to the Marion County Health Department during the committee meeting Thursday morning at the county health department offices.

Miss Helen Holden was elected vice chairman of the committee, one of 13 similar groups in the county. A meeting of all the committees will be held in May, said Mrs. Bernice Yeary, director of nurses at the health department.

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