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President Says 'Thaw' Needed

In vetoing the bill for freezing for a year the 1957 price props and acreage restrictions, President Eisenhower brushed aside the appeals of Republican members of Congress and the threats of Democrats. Both parties were making obeisance to the farm vote with an eye to November elections. Republicans fear voter reprisals and Democrats hope for party gains as a result of the veto. The upturn in farm prices, however, may confound the prophets. If price conditions remain fairly favorable in the fall, desertion of voters from the Eisenhower standard for this cause may be less pronounced than members of Congress have assumed.

It is not much of a phrase-maker; but he scored in his veto message when he said that "with regard to government controls, what the farm economy needs is a thaw rather than a freeze." He couldn't have signed the bill, in view of his stout support of Secretary Benson who has been trying to induce the "thaw" referred to. That Benson is correct in his policy was admitted by one of the congressmen who tried to get the President to displace him. The trouble with the Benson program is that he really hasn't had a chance to put it into effect. Even the soil bank, which hasn't been a success, was pushed onto him by some of the "political" farmers.

With enactment of the bill over the veto admittedly improbable, Congress might very well turn its attention to some constructive legislation for agriculture. The President outlined his program in a message to Congress on Jan. 16th. Main features were: increasing the range of the formula for price support to 60-90 per cent instead of 75-90 per cent; removing the escalator clause which works automatically to restore surpluses after they have been reduced; elimination of acreage allotments on corn; authorize acreage increases on other basic crops; strengthen the long-term conservation reserve program and end the short term soil bank. This is a compromise program, far short of withdrawing government controls and supports. At least it would be an improvement over the present program.

Tea for Two

That two-ome at tea at Clarence House, London last Wednesday has set tongues wagging and reporters' typewriters clicking. The two were Princess Margaret and her erstwhile flame, Group Capt. Peter Townsend, fresh back from a tour 'round the world. It wasn't the tea that stirred talk in Britain but the report that Queen Elizabeth II, absent on a state visit to The Netherlands, was much provoked that the two had held this "tea-tete." And when Margaret returned from her week-end visit with a British cavalry regiment stationed in Germany, her immediate call at Windsor Castle was hailed by a British paper as "On the Carpet Tonight."

You see, the British people feel a real proprietorship over the lives of the royal family, and sometimes can be plenty rude in their comments. For king and queen and dukes and princes and princesses, it is life in a goldfish bowl. And Margaret can't sip tea and visit with her disappointed lover without popular commotion. Whether Margaret encountered a reprimand from her Queen and sister, that may await the memoirs of the ladies-in-waiting.

Soviet Suspension of A-Tests Far From Ban Sought by West

By J. M. Roberts

Associated Press News Analyst

The Soviet Union has suspended atomic tests until she wishes to resume them.

A series of Siberian tests has just been completed. Technical operations can now continue for some time without delay while the propaganda mills operate at top speed.

By the time the Soviet Union needs more tests, the United States and France, with tests of their own, will have provided the excuse which Gromyko said she would take to resume.

This is far from a ban on tests such as the West has suggested. Gromyko says "The opponents of banning tests fear that this will bring an end to the production of nuclear weapons." The truth is, they know it won't. That's why they proposed a ban on both testing and production.

The Soviets know, however, that in this new propaganda effort they have with them many people who are dreadfully afraid of fallout, despite a preponderance of scientific opinion that a great deal more testing can be done before there is real danger.

A group of scientists from non-atomic countries, meeting in Switzerland, has just issued new reassurances on this. Radiation in the United States, described as the "hottest" spot of all, is still reported far below danger levels. The reds also have with them those who would avoid atomic war at any cost, such as Bertrand Russell, who says he'd rather be conquered by the Communists.

They know, then, that even this

Notes on 99E

Sen. Howard Belmont of Clackamas County made a plea before the highway commission last week for widening US 99E to four lanes for the section between Hayesville Junction, just north of Salem, and New Era, where the four-lane stretch south of Portland now ends. He reported that 99E is regaining traffic which dropped after the Baldock Freeway was opened, because of its link with the 82nd street highway and connection with U.S.30. The traffic count will tell the present story; but there is no doubt that if 99E was widened to four lanes, its volume of use would greatly increase.

Locally another improvement is needed at Hayesville, and that is better protection for pedestrian traffic, particularly the school children going to and from Hayesville School. Too bad that the death of a lad there last week gave emphasis to this need. Perhaps the wonder is that more children have not lost their lives in this busy stretch of roadway. County and state engineers should cooperate in providing greater safety for pedestrians.

This shows up one of the problems of Suburbia. Urban dwellers are attracted to the wide open spaces—free for children they say. But the district fills up as others move out for similar reasons until the suburbs are urban too. Gravel lanes then must be covered with blacktop. Eventually walks and curbs should be installed—the current practice of laying no sidewalks adds to local hazards. Then problems of water supply and sewage disposal must be faced, as Suburbia becomes Urbia. We can't just ignore these problems or continually postpone their solution. Let's get going with protection at Hayesville School.

Bachelor Ski Run

A plan has been worked out between Deschutes County and the State Highway Commission for keeping the road open to a winter sports area on Bachelor Butte, southwest of Bend. One year will be given for trial of the plan, then it will be reviewed to determine equities in apportioning costs.

The way is now clear for developing one of the most promising winter sports areas in the Northwest. The Bend Skyliners are back of the project and will establish a warming hut for skiers there. Projected is a lift and tow ropes.

Located on the north side of Bachelor the ski season is much longer than on mountains with southerly exposure. The height provides a grand view of the eastern side of the Cascades and the adjacent plateau. There is no reason why it should not become, under proper promotion and management, one of the superior skiing resorts of the region.

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The Senate-House conferees on the public works (rivers and harbors) bill have agreed to include the House item of \$1,693,000 for improvement of the Siuslaw harbor at Florence. The money will provide for deepening the channel, building a turning basin and extending the north jetty, if needed. This seems in far better proportion to the needs and importance of the harbor than the near \$20-million included for Yaquina harbor at Newport.

Editorial Comment

'Meanest Cities'

Iowa City and Ames, Iowa are in the running for the "meanest city" title.

Both cities, according to the Public Administration Bulletin, have arranged parking meters so motorists cannot tell how much time is left before the flag goes up. If some kind motorist leaves ten minutes of unused time for another lucky motorist, he'll no longer be able to spot it by a look at the meter.

We always suspected that parking meters were used as money-makers but the Iowa cities are carrying too far. (Eugene Register-Guard.)

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago
April 1, 1948
Fire destroyed the 57-year-old Methodist Church in Woodburn, the second oldest Protestant church structure in town.

Nature shook a loaded dust mop over parts of Texas, Kansas, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Nebraska. Farmers said the dust storm was the worst since the dust bowl days of the 30's.

25 Years Ago
April 1, 1933
The crash into the Atlantic of the greatest ship of the skies, the Akron, off the Jersey coast was estimated to be the most costly disaster in the history of aviation—with only

three of 76 men saved.
Dr. W. B. Morse escaped being in the Los Angeles earthquake by three days, he reported on his return from a month-long motor trip through the southwest with the P. C. Patersons.

40 Years Ago
April 1, 1918
Many Marion County fruit growers reported that the peach crop of most the Willamette Valley virtually has been destroyed by the recent cold temperatures.

German troops numbering over 100,000 delivered a terrific attack against the French along a nine-mile front.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I was doing fine in school, Pop, until they suddenly started over-emphasizing education..."

Comes the Dawn

Well, March, who came in like a lamb (wild, woolly and non-odor-free) roared out like a lion last night, alright. And a lot of that March weather will march right into April. Not that we need it. Because when fishing season opens later this month a lot of anglers will come up with a little lion of their own...

There was a small flue fire the other afternoon at the state forestry department shops. The forestry department has some fine fire fighting equipment and the men to man it. This time, though, the equipment was there but the fire-fighting crewmen were over in another building holding training classes for a group of volunteers on that right-fire fighting techniques. So they had to call in the city firemen...

And three of the candidates for the state Senate from Marion County live within (if you'll pardon the expression) a stone's throw of each other. In fact two of them—who are far apart party-wise—live side by side in the south section of town. They are Sid Schlesinger and Gordon Allen. A third candidate, Bob White, lives about a block up the street. But they can't all crowd into the two Senate seats available...

If you are fat, loud, a gossip, a bleached blonde and a late date you'll probably have trouble getting dates on the Willamette U. campus. A marriage class at WU surveyed 394 fellow students—both men and women, naturally—and came up with some up-to-date facts. Half of the girls said they would go out with just about any man at Willamette if asked sufficiently in advance. And 41 per cent said they can't stand the eleventh hour Elmers. About half the men said they looked for marriageable qualities in a date. And about 57 per cent of the men said they didn't try to kiss a coed on the first date...

Nearly all the men said they preferred a girl with a good personality and only average good looks. In the survey, reported in the latest issue of the Willamette Collegian, the girls' reasons for not dating a particular man ranged from the fact he was too fat, too intellectual (a fat head) and couldn't dance; but 33 per cent said they'd accept a blind date if the man sounded nice enough on the phone...

IT SEEMS TO ME

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do the pupils march out on the school grounds and plant a tree. In other ways, the mission of Arbor Day is being accomplished. Along the Umpqua last Friday 500 school children from Reedsport to Elkton "scattered up a hill" in the Weatherly creek burn "to plant 20,000 fir seedlings and then scampered down to consume 2,000 hot dogs," according to the report in the Coos Bay World. Such a performance would have delighted Morton of Nebraska and the bill-writers of 1890. It wasn't the old Arbor Day event of planting a tree to beautify the school grounds. It was an investment both in the future beauty and wealth of the region.

Similar tree plantings have been held in other parts of the state, notably in the Tillamook burn. Some schools make an annual pilgrimage to set out seedlings of fir or hemlock or cedar or spruce to reforest cutover or burned-over lands. Their interest in trees doesn't end with the planting of seedlings either. Al Weisendanger of "Keep Oregon Green" enlists thousands of them in his Green Guards organization, enrolling them as sentinels to guard the forests against fire.

Arbor Day may be just a memory to a few graybeards, but its message has other expression in Oregon. In north-while projects for reforestation and forest conservation.

(Incidentally the school calendar has numerous other special days whose recognition seems to depend on the interest of the teacher. Among them are Frances E. Willard Day, Child Health Day, (May 1st), Admission Day, (Feb. 14th) Oregon Day (May 2nd), United Nations Day, besides the public holidays. With all the "Days" one may wonder what time is left for getting an education!)

K. E. Garman Succumbs
Kurtz Ed Garman, 49, died Monday at the home, 244 Marion St. N.E. He had suffered from a heart ailment for some time.

Garman was born at The Dalles, Nov. 5, 1908.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Beulah Garman, Salem; daughter, Irene Hibbard, Ketchikan, Alaska; three brothers, T. O. A. K. and Calif., and Ray and Glenn, both of Portland; three sisters, Emma Garman, San Francisco; Edith Fosnot, Caldwell, Idaho; and Joyce Kutchenthol, Seattle, Wash.

Funeral arrangements are in care of Howell-Edwards Mortuary.

Parents to View Film on Child's Social Development
Parents of first and second grade pupils will view a film on "Social Development" at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday during the final session in a current series at Richmond School dealing with parent education.

The film will portray how children respond to other children at various ages, according to Mrs. Ruby Bunnell of the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Association which is co-sponsoring the series with Richmond School and its Parent-Teacher Association.

Leading group discussions during the session will be parents Mrs. Wendell Schwartz, Mrs. Ian Macdonald, Mrs. Harry Cox, Robert E. Gangware, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. John Olson, Mrs. Bunnell and Miss Mathilda Gilles, Richmond principal. Mrs. Robert H. Ruch will register parents at the meeting.

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 100 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.)

Would Deter Bomb Tests

To the Editor:
You are, of course, fully entitled to take issue with the reported statement of the eminent English philosopher Bertrand Russell, that "If the Communists conquered the world it would be very unpleasant for a while but not for ever. But if the human race is wiped out, that is the end." Yet I wonder, you seem to imply, though you do not say so specifically, that, faced with the conceivable forced option of having Communism conquer the world or seeing it destroyed by the H-bomb, you personally would prefer the world destroyed.

For myself, I held no brief for Lord Russell. I have not seen a full account of his television interview. I suspect he might not agree with you that "progress comes through individual initiative under the incentive of individual reward" at least not chiefly. But, knowing his devotion (which I share incidentally) to "freedom of thought and action," I do not think he meant to imply casually, as you imply he did, that the price of Communist world domination would not be particularly heavy. Nor, I think, did he imply that world Communism, if once established, could be overthrown without revolt and bloodshed. But, as you say yourself, Empires do sow the seeds of their own decay. It is much to early to say that Communism is exempt from this fate: or from being overthrown from below, like slavery, feudalism, absolute monarchy and other forms of the police state.

All this is academic perhaps. So, I hope, is the notion that the free world might ever voluntarily accept second rate status, strategically. Of course we need the H-bomb as a deterrent, and the best available means of delivering it now. But, in view of its vast and widespread destructive power, it seems inconceivable that it can ever be confined to limited military objectives: especially if we insist of making it available to our more irresponsible allies, like France, Yugoslavia, Rhee and Chiang Kai Shek, for example.

So with all this interminable testing of allegedly "clean" H-bombs, which fails to disturb you. I think that, now the Russians have quit testing first, they have won another resounding victory on the all important propaganda front. I also think that, despite Mr. Dulles best efforts to help them here, some sort of summit conference will be staged some time before the elections in November. With this possibility in mind; and unless absolute strategic necessity makes them imperative and urgent, I personally wish that further tests of our H-bombs could at least be deferred. I cannot believe that this would be fatal. Continued drifting could be.

R. IVAN LOVELL
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Education Meeting
To the Editor:
Re the "findings" of the "public" meeting on school curriculum. There seemed to be some pretty "pat" answers ready for various suggestions.

The need for more counselors is not surprising. Such a recommendation was made by Prof. (Beshore of Ohio?) recently in U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, in summary of the ills of U.S. education.

Unfortunately, the terms "Guidance" and "Counseling" are used synonymously. There should be a clear delineation of these two terms and a concise differentiation made between the functions of the two.

To social workers the term "counseling" connotes working with personality disturbances. If this function is to be usurped by the schools then the public is playing right back into the hands of the "progressive" educationists who harp "personality development" i.e., educate the "whole child."

Too often "guidance" personnel are saddled with the chronic discipline problems, leaving no time for career preparation guidance. Some authorities say that a child properly disciplined at home needs little at school.

Education "counselors" shouldn't be "counselors" personnel if they are paid to be career guidance people.

In most cases more teacher-counselors would be needed. There are many conscientious teachers who do much direct or indirect guidance.

Were teachers not required to do so many "baby-sitting" chores: lunch room, bus, noon movies, ticket takers, clubs "drives," collections plus fall

class loads; then time could be devoted to career guidance...

Why not hire teachers aids for routine "chores" and give those teachers with adequate backgrounds "released time" for career guidance?

As to more "mechanical" courses for high school: In Europe a separation is made no later than grade 9 or 10 for college prep and vocational. Here, we "baby-sit" for the non-college caliber for at least the last two years of high school, "spoon-feeding" life adjustment" courses, for about 60-70% of the students

Apparently some of the "leaders" in "public" education do not want (subconsciously at least) the stigma of the "lunch bucket brigade" i.e. vocational school attached to Salem's fair name...

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Made Him "Sick"
To the Editor:
It disturbs me to read editorials like "Whose Steelhead?" concerning steelhead as a game fish. In fact, it makes me sick!

You ask the question: Whose steelhead? Do they, the Columbia River steelhead, belong to Oregon, Washington, Idaho where the fishermen on the high seas, clear to Alaska and beyond, where they roam? No! Your amazing answer is they belong to the commercial gillnetters on the Oregon side of the river. Not to Idaho and Washington fishermen whose states made the steelhead a game fish years ago, as has California.

You side with the rag at Astoria which has fought every conservation plan from fish wheels on down. Their only interest is to see the last salmon go in to a can.

You go against conservation groups trying to protect our steelhead from a fish commission that won't close steelhead gillnetting for one month when there are practically no salmon in the river. How about Washington and Idaho? Are they to be continually robbed by Oregon gillnetters?

You have the gall to insinuate sports groups as being selfish, monopolistic hogs! They get no pay, no thanks and practically no recognition except the feeling of doing some good for their posterity.

Any time some swivel-chained old woman, who has never had the smell of fish on his hands, tries to write about something he is actually indifferent to, he should be liable for the damage his ignorance has done to a noble cause.

Remember a candidate you endorse for governor said, "Make the steelhead a game fish."

MAYNARD C. DRAWSON,
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Statesman Ballot Box

There are periodic proposals that pollster offices on a county level, except for the legislature, should be non-partisan, as in the case with city offices and the entire judiciary. Party designation for offices dealing solely with administration, not connected with legislative or judicial functions in any way, is unnecessary, sponsors of the plan say, and the primary election should be used merely to choose the leading candidates for a run-off in November on non-partisan issues. This week's question:

Should county offices be non-partisan?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments and suggestions: _____

(This ballot need not be signed; but any other communication accompanying it and designed for publication in the Safety Valve must be signed, carry the full address of the signer, and be less than 200 words in length. Ballots should be received by Sunday to insure counting. Results will be made known next Tuesday.)

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Rotary Convention to Draw 1,000 to Salem This Month

Some 1,000 Rotarians from Oregon and southern Washington will convene in Salem April 13-16 for Rotary's 9th annual district conference.

Purpose of the convention, President William Bush said Monday, is to review service work of Rotary clubs in the district and to plan ways of increasing future activities.

A new district governor will also be elected. This year's governor, William Caldwell of Medford, will be principal speaker, and several other prominent rotarians from throughout the country will take part in the program.

Delegates from the district's 53 clubs will register Sunday, April 13, and attend non-denominational religious services at St. Mark's Lutheran and firesides at homes of Salem rotarians.

General sessions will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Willamette University's Fine Arts auditorium. Banquets are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Wives will take part in their own special events, including a fashion show, luncheons, a tour of Salem and a tea with Mrs. Robert D. Elton Thompson is conference chairman.

New Law for Admission to Fairview Eyed

PORTLAND (U) — A legislative interim committee Wednesday will discuss proposed legislation which would enable parents to place their retarded children in the Fairview Home without a court hearing.

The Interim Committee on Mental Retardation and Emotional Disturbance will consider the report created by two of its subcommittees.

Oregon law now requires that no child can be sent to the home except through commitment by a court with proper jurisdiction.

And before the court can commit a minor, physicians must testify that the child is mentally retarded and in need of the home's care.

After commitment, the retarded person remains at the home for life. The sub-committees want Oregon law changed to permit the parents to send their retarded children to the home without the sanction of the courts.

C of C Honors Seven Salem Industries

Seven industries were honored at the Monday Salem Chamber of Commerce luncheon when Edwin H. Armstrong of the chamber's Industrial Division presented Awards of Progress certificates to representatives of the firms.

Receiving awards were Elmer Berglund of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph; Russell Pratt, the Capital City Transfer Co.; Sam Campbell, West Coast Beet Seed Co.; Karl W. Heinlein, Oregon Pulp and Paper; Arthur Erickson of Erickson's Market; Clair Brown, Salem Navigation Co., and L. H. Hogue of Hawaiian Pineapple Co. Ltd.

The company previously had asked to reduce service between Portland and Astoria, and to eliminate it between Corvallis and McMinnville.

Morgan has not yet ruled on those applications.

Bus Company Asks Service Stoppage
Pacific Greyhound has filed application to eliminate bus service between Winston and Myrtle Point, and between Corvallis and Toledo.

Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan ordered hearings on the request to be held April 3 at Myrtle Point, and April 4 at Newport.

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Lightner to Run AF Clinics On Officiating
While officiating in the recent National AAU basketball tournament at Denver, Colo., Statesman sports editor Al Lightner, veteran Pacific Coast Conference referee, was invited by the U.S. Air Force to conduct a series of officiating clinics in Hawaii and Japan next September.

Col. Ralph Stevenson, chief of the Air Force Special Service Branch in Washington, D.C., contacted Lightner in Denver, and received his acceptance.

Lightner has been a Coast Conference official 13 years, and has worked in several PCC championship playoffs, seven regional tournaments, three NCAA championship tournaments and two of the AAU meets at Denver.

WU Aims at 400 Pints of Blood in Special Drawing
Willamette University will try to produce 400 pints of blood for the Marion County Red Cross in a special drawing.

Student living organizations will compete for a trophy to be awarded the group with the highest percentage of donors. Dick Hill, student chairman, said Monday. The drawing will be conducted in the gymnasium from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Salem's regular drawing will be Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. in the armory.

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