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Independence for Singapore

Singapore, one of the outposts of the old British empire, is another of those outposts to loosen its ties with Britain. An agreement was reached in London under which Singapore will obtain rights of self-government but will remain within the Commonwealth and allow Britain to manage its external affairs.

Singapore is an island at the tip of the Malay peninsula. Attached to it in government are a few nearby islands. Its population numbers just over a million persons. Until recently fears were common that the Communists would take over control, but under new leadership the local government has pretty well destroyed their influence.

The last war showed how exposed Singapore was to enemy action. Britain spent huge sums in developing Singapore as a naval base, but the Japanese came in from the land, crossing the narrow strait and capturing the island. With the advent of air power and the reduction in British authority through the Far East Singapore's importance was diminished. The present move follows the pattern Britain has been framing as its one-time colonies graduate into independence: concession of local powers but obtaining their voluntary association with the British Commonwealth. This pattern is working well for both parties.

Regulations on the River

The Salem Yacht and Rowing Club merits praise for taking cognizance of the danger inherent in the rapidly-expanding water activities on the Willamette River in Salem.

It is to wonder that no fatalities have resulted from the rather helter-skelter operation thus far. But for the alertness of club members no such record would have been maintained. Well over 100 accidents have been recorded in the last three years.

Most of the trouble comes from plain ignorance, rather than malice, and the club has set about to cure the cause. It has instituted a five-week course in "Small Boating Handling" and we hope everyone now active or thinking of becoming active in water sports in this area attends.

We are glad, too, that the U. S. Coast Guard is to send a team of inspectors to Salem from time to time, to look over equipment and safety precautions, and that basic regulations are to be posted in the Wallace Marine Park area.

A lot of education and at least a modicum of policing, and enforcement, are essential if the revived interest in boating is to be kept on the "Brighter Side."

Highway Interim Committee?

The Senate highway committee is studying a proposal for another interim committee on highways. We have had such committees almost without interruption for a great many years. They are helpful to freshman legislators and the usual hearings about the state give communities a chance to be heard on their needs and desires.

However, the field has been covered so thoroughly one wonders if the next biennium couldn't safely be skipped. The committees cost money for staff, for travel expense, and consume a great deal of time of highway department personnel. The work program of the state is pretty well laid out for the next few years with money allotted, so nothing much can be accomplished by an interim committee as far as the immediate program is concerned.

So unless there is evident and urgent reason for renewing an interim committee on highways, The Statesman suggests that it not be done.

Transformation Seen for U.N. Police In Gaza Into 'Nasser's Border Guard'

By JOSEPH ALSOP

It is still a secret in Cairo and the Western capitals; but here in the Gaza Strip it is easy enough to foresee the final stage of the transformation of the U.N. force in Egypt into "Nasser's border guard," as some of the officers call it.

This will be the clear result of the as yet unannounced deal that has been virtually signed and sealed between U.N. Sec. Dag Hammarskjöld and his assistant, Doctor Ralph Bunche, on the one hand, and Egypt's President Nasser on the other.

Hammarckjöld and Bunche have conceded another cardinal point to President Nasser. They have agreed that the U.N. patrols on the Israeli-Egyptian demarcation line will be accompanied by armed Egyptian Police, under the command of the Egyptian civil governor of the Gaza Strip, Major Gen. Mohammed Abdul Latif.

The Egyptian controlled police will moreover have the right to use arms against border crossers. But the U.N. elements in the border patrols will not enjoy this rather essential military privilege.

In return, President Nasser has also made certain concessions. Arrangements have been made which are presumed to increase the likelihood that Egyptian border crossers will be punished by the Egyptian authorities. Further-

more, the accord, when published, will contain a positive statement by President Nasser — the first of the sort that he has made — positively condemning Egyptian border crossings into Israeli territory.

So ends a process remarkably like one of the old fashioned vaudeville "transformation acts," which has radically altered the real character and purpose of the U.N. force here in the Gaza Strip and elsewhere on the demarcation line.

How far U.N. Sec. Hammarskjöld actually expected or even desired this transformation, no one can judge from this vantage point. The facts have to stand for themselves.

On March 7, the Israeli Gen. Moshe Dayan, who this time tipped and caddy public, handed over control of the Gaza Strip to U.N. Gen. Edmon Burns, smart in his new beret and self-designed U.N. uniform. At that time, both the world at large and Gen. Burns expected the U.N. force to administer the Gaza Strip for an indefinite period. A military government section had been hastily organized for the purpose within Gen. Burns' staff.

The entire basis of this expectation seems to have been a commitment given to Hammarskjöld by the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Doctor Mahmoud Fawzi, that the Gaza Strip would be under U.N. administration until its future status could be settled by later negotiation.

President Nasser, however, had failed to give his personal endorsement to Doctor Fawzi's promise. In addition, no one

Is Willamette Manor a Charitable Institution?

The county assessor of Clackamas County has put Willamette View Manor, a residential apartment house on the bluffs overlooking the river just south of Milwaukie on the county taxrolls. Its valuation is given at around \$500,000. Previously it had been considered tax-exempt, being classed as a charitable institution. The title-holder will appeal the ruling to the state tax commission. From the commission's decision appeal may be taken by either party to the courts.

The issue is important not only to the residents of the Manor who have purchased residence rights in it, but to the general public who, of course, have to take up the slack if this property is held to be tax exempt. We doubt if any of the residents of the Manor want to be regarded as "charity" cases, but they would be disturbed if they find their previous payments are not sufficient as was their expectation.

Since homes for elderly and retired persons are bound to increase as time goes on, it is important to clear up their tax status.

Budget Defense

President Eisenhower hit back (mildly though) at the critics who want to hack the budget. He told his press conference that this country can't run with an 1890 model machine. It was a rejoinder to those chiefly of his own party who have been most critical of the spending \$72 billion in the next fiscal year. One by one Senate leaders—Knowland, Bridges, Goldwater have publicly whetted their carving knives for a budgetary operation.

The President is right, irked though we may be that ten years after the war we still are struggling with huge semi-war-time expenses and high taxation. It's a multi-billion dollar country, and government must face up to its responsibilities. There will be places to save and shave, but no prospect of whacking off five or six billions of expense unless we break abruptly with past policies.

The Teamster, monthly publication of the Teamsters' Union, features the bill of rights on its cover in the April issue. Inside is a statement by ex-Senator Duff explaining the Fifth amendment. But the issue is completely silent on the hearings of the McClellan committee in Washington and the appearance of Beck and Brewster before that body. No reference is made to the indictment of Vice President Hoffa, nor to the money-juggling perpetrated by union officers. Such head-in-the-sand editing will not keep the news from teamster members, however.

Editorial Comment

RAPID SWITCH

Farming is a long-range business that can't be modified overnight. Yet the success or failure of any single crop is dependent on monthly, or even daily, developments over which man has little or no control.

The outlook can change from bleak to bright, or vice versa, with startling rapidity.

During the fall months of 1936 the Mid-Columbia grain developed a moisture deficiency that worried many wheat ranchers. Fields that normally are well moistened by generous rainfall in November and December remained nearly as dry as dust until well after the end of the year.

Then came the heavy snows of January. Better still, the rainfall in March was extremely heavy. Three inches of moisture in early spring are much more valuable than a similar amount in earlier months, partly because there is less time for evaporation before the water is utilized by crop growth. Another key factor is the ease of absorption during the spring season when the soil is free of frost.

In nearly all of Oregon moisture conditions are now described as favorable even though there is a deficit statistically. Reservoirs are amply supplied, according to reports coming out of the recent series of water meetings held by the Soil Conservation Service and the Oregon State College agricultural experiment station.

Regulation of water supplies to irrigation users will probably be necessary after mid-summer, especially in those areas dependent on natural stream flow rather than storage, but few critical shortages are envisioned.

This year, at least, the Columbia Basin should be spared the peril of floods. On the adverse side locally is the loss of the peach crop and damage elsewhere as the result of the severe cold in January. The trees themselves, however, came through in good condition as the process of rebuilding orchards that were damaged in 1935 continues.

(The Dallas Chronicle)

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Maybe it's the fins, Roscoe!... That's all the man talked about when he sold it to us..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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rates in the country. Cost of power at Hungry Horse Dam in Montana is reported at 3.76 mills per kw, but Anaconda Aluminum company pays only 1.73 mills. This results in a subsidy to Anaconda of about \$2 million a year, or \$100 million for the 50-year life of the contract. Other purchasers are favored: Victor Chemical pays 2.44 mills, Pacific Power and Light 2.48 mills. Moreover Montana is guaranteed the full amount of power produced at Hungry Horse without regard to the sacred preference clause.

Costs for producing and transmitting power at The Dallas Dam are given at 3.4 mills, but Harvey Machine company will pay 120,000 kw at roughly 1.7 mills per kw. The subsidy to Harvey is estimated at \$1,500,000 annually. On this point Mr. Watkins concluded:

"I can see how these below-cost power sales will help the Pacific Northwest attract heavy industry, but I cannot see the Federal interest in justifying them, or in granting this advantage to the Northwest while giving that area a disproportionate share of federally subsidized water resources projects."

Since comparisons are often made with the federal project authorized for the Upper Colorado which Watkins promoted in Congress, he reports that power from Glen Canyon Dam will cost 4.7 mills to produce and transmit but will be sold for six mills. (The 1.3 mill margin will go to subsidize the irrigation features of this project.)

Senator Watkins admits he doesn't see how Uncle Sam can sell power for less than it costs to produce and still be able to pay off the project indebtedness or avoid raising rates for all other users. The explanation probably lies in this, that the profit margin on the first dams, Bonnevill and Grand Coulee, is sufficient to carry the deficiency incurred at these later, high-cost installations. It seems certain however that rates will have to go up; but it seems clear too that certain industries will continue to get "below-cost" power.

The point I wish to make is that the residents of the other 48 states eye jealously the favoritism shown the Northwest. They are not impressed with the assurance that we'll pay it all back, and no federal subsidy is involved—I have a cousin in Florida who voices this complaint. Criticisms of the federal program in the Northwest have been raised in other states because people there feel industry is migrating in this direction because the federal government unfairly is subsidizing the power projects.

We in the Northwest must admit that we have been favored with generous federal appropriations for reclamation, power and other projects. We believe they are contributing to regional development and strengthening the national economy; but we ought not to press our claims too far or demand favors far beyond those granted other regions. Morse's Hells Canyon bill probably will be defeated if it ever comes to a vote; the speech of Watkins explains why it will be defeated.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Apr. 13, 1927

Milton Reynolds and his two crewmen set a new unofficial round-the-world record when they crossed LaGuardia field, at 78 hours and 55 minutes. He remarked he wouldn't make the trip again for \$100,000,000.

It didn't take seven minutes to walk around the south-western face of the tower clock merely took longer to stop when the mechanism failed. All four faces gave three-faced time.

25 Years Ago

Apr. 13, 1932

With the plantings of roses along the Portland-Salem sector of the Pacific highway, there remains only 10 miles on the 50-mile stretch of "rose highway" to be completed.

One of the events of the spring was the meeting of the Dine and Dance club, a group of younger married set. Officers are Dr. Verden Hockett, president, Karl Heinlein, vice president, and Oral Lemmon, secretary-treasurer.

40 Years Ago

Apr. 13, 1917

All double truck cars on the Salem street railway system are to be replaced by a new improved model of single-truck car, known as the Ferney car. It is estimated that a year is necessary to bring the new equipment.

Two thousand gallons of wine, belonging to a private party, was destroyed by Sheriff Applegate. The fine paid was \$1244 and costs.

Safety Valve

Boosts Gross Income Tax

To the Editor:
OH! MR. DOOLEY! Very likely the best tax expert(?) in Oregon. Many noted your 5, 6, 7 and 8 and reading between the numbers let us add our 9 and 10, with the able assistance of the Safety Valve.

A real progressive tax plan is to inaugurate the gross income tax, and get at the dollars, instead of playing around with the small change. There are still millions of gross income dollars, the bulk of it stagnated, and the gross income of 2 per cent would not hurt the big earners, and really make a better distribution channeling it right back into business. When you tax the water supply use it to make electric power, and then back into the main stream it does not hurt it with water, nor would it with the flow of money.

Thousands of the so-called middle class, are gradually drifting into the small - earner class; others have gone into bankruptcy. Continuing to use the same old tax methods will hasten others into the bankruptcy class. If they still have the filing fee.

There is no real problem of how to change the tax procedure simply write to the states where the Gross Income Tax has worked, and will work wherever tried.

In our dictionary, a "tax expert" is simply a man away from home, foisted on the legislature and is too stubborn to change his mind, and party comes far ahead of principles.

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Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We find it to be a positive fact that he lived in the western portion of the country."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "connoisseur"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Pargoric, gymnastic, Antarctic, Pyrrhic.
4. What does the word "sycophant" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "ar" that means "disposition; adjustment"?

ANSWERS
1. Omit "positive," and say, "western PART of the country."
2. Pronounce kahn-say-ur, principal accent on last syllable.
3. Antarctic. (A servile flatterer; parasite. (Pronounce sick-oh-ant, accent first syllable).
4. The leader soon tired of the fawning assent of sycophants." S. Arrangement.

Dulles Travel Listed

WASHINGTON, April 13 (U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has now traveled 320,320 miles by air since he took over the No. 1 Cabinet post in January 1933.

Housing at Medical School Approved In Senate Vote

The Senate approved Friday a bill appropriating \$42,000 to construct housing facilities at the University of Oregon Medical School for a two million volt X-ray machine treatment of deep-seated cancer. The House previously passed it.

The machine was given to the school by the Donner Foundation, which gave similar units to 11 other medical schools.

State Solon Term Increase Wins Favor

The Senate elections committee gave a favorable report Friday on the proposed constitutional amendment to increase the term of state representatives from two to four years.

Sen. Lee Ohmart (R), Salem, chairman, said the resolution would be on the Senate floor early next week.

In another committee's action Friday, the Senate judiciary members approved legislation to boost from \$20,000 to \$25,000 the ceiling for damages for wrongful death.

This would change a House-passed bill to remove the limit altogether.

The same committee decided to introduce a bill allowing the State Supreme Court to hire two commissioners who would write the opinions for justices.

Other committees were active on both sides of the Capitol.

The House tax committee resumed its hearing on the proposal to levy personal property tax against trucks and buses.

Proposals, including the railroads, said this should be done all carriers pay a fair share of local government costs through property taxation.

The truck and bus industries opposed the plan on grounds they are heavily taxed anyway, to pay road and highway costs, and a percentage of such truck taxes goes back to cities and counties.

Bills Go Back To Committees

Six legislative measures on the Friday calendar were sent back to committees or held over for Monday action. They are:

County service districts (HB 831), a bill defeated by the House, then reconsidered. Changes now being considered would make a lower tax limit and not allow such districts adjacent to cities.

Replacing unemployment commission with single employment security commissioner (SB 82), put off to Monday.

Exempting fraternalism and societies from personal property tax (SB 7), returned to House tax committee.

Making "The Union" Oregon's official motto, returned to House state and federal affairs committee.

House Bill 664, revising regulation of liquor manufacturers and wholesalers, put off to Monday.

Senate Bill 211, requiring large buildings to be supervised by an architect or registered engineer, sent back to Senate labor committee.

Columbia River Compact Talks Resume Today

The Interstate Cooperation Committee will be in Spokane today to resume negotiations over a Columbia River Compact.

Representatives of Oregon's committee who left last night included Sen. Lee Ohmart (R) of Salem.

Howard Morgan, public utilities commissioner, is chairman of the Oregon group which includes also Gov. Robert D. Holmes, State Engineer Lewis Stanley, Finance Director John Richardson, Sen. Ohmart, Boyd Overhulse, Alfred H. Corbett, Rudie Wilhelm and Reps. Pat Dooley, Clarence Barton, W. H. Holmstrom and George Layman.

Godfrey Drops Video Show

NEW YORK, April 12 (U. S. Arthur Godfrey has changed his mind again about his Wednesday night "Arthur Godfrey Show" on television. He is going to drop it.

Godfrey first announced plans to discontinue the show a year ago. Then he changed plans and continued with it. Today he said his June 26 program will be his last.

The show has been on the Columbia Broadcasting System network since 1940.

A year ago CBS expressed its regrets. Today it did so again with the statement:

"We have accepted Mr. Godfrey's decision with deep regret. CBS Television, the sponsors involved, and Arthur's large and loyal audience will, of course, miss this long-established program."

The other Godfrey shows—his morning "Arthur Godfrey Time" and his Monday night "Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts" will continue.

British Plane Crashes Near Royal House

LEEDS, England, April 12 (U. S. A Royal Air Force training plane crashed today on the grounds of Harwood House, home of the Princess Royal, Queen Elizabeth's aunt. The body of the pilot was removed by estate workers. The princess was not at home.

Morale at MacLaren Said Okeh

(Story also on Page 1.)

Morale and conditions at MacLaren Boys School seem generally satisfactory other than for space problems, Dr. Sanford Bates, widely known penologist, reported here Friday.

Dr. Bates, invited here from New Jersey to study the reformatory situation, made the observation at a meeting of the Board of Control and legislators.

In the wake of a three-day investigation of the boys school near Woodburn, Dr. Bates supported the Board of Control in its recommendation for a new 100-bed unit to handle congestion in the next two years. A 50-bed unit is now under construction.

As a means of further alleviating space problems at MacLaren, Dr. Bates recommended use of the honor camp system and increased attention on a foster home program in which boys are paroled to outside custody.

Average Confinement

The visiting penologist also found average confinement of 11 months to ease the load. A number of years ago the average stay was 15 to 18 months and the current standard is 11 to 13 months.

The expert said confinement time could be shortened through an intensified rehabilitation program.

Dr. Bates, in noting that population of the Woodburn reformatory is out of line with the national average, compared Woodburn's 354 inmates to the 240 in the reformatory in Connecticut—a state larger than Oregon.

The penal expert said a glaring fact in the Oregon picture is almost complete lack of local or county boys homes, which could take care of many young offenders short of the state reformatory.

In making his second inspection of MacLaren in three years, Dr. Bates said he noticed physical improvements, "a little housekeeping," and the educational program "in excellent shape." There was sufficient recreation space.

"Morale of boys was good," he commented. "Discipline was not stiff or rigid, but on the other hand not too informal either."

The board was told that there appeared to be no planned recreation program during evening hours.

Not Much Evidence

"I did not see too much evidence of any incentive programs either individually or among cottage groups," added Dr. Bates. He attached value to this type of program.

The investigator said he found MacLaren's personnel setup satisfactory both in numbers and effectiveness, "though controls might be tightened in some instances."

Dr. Bates said figures given him indicated test violations of regulations were not so frequent at the school last year.

"However," he added, "aggregation isn't unduly oppressive since inmates are released for meals and exercises. The segregation quarters are given a cell-like look by a single iron-barred window, he said.

A possibly undesirable policy, pointed out the New Jersey penologist, is that which gives cottage managers the sole right to decide who goes to segregation and who doesn't.

On the other hand, Dr. Bates said he liked democratic aspects offered by staff committees, which consider inmates' problems.

Facility Deficiency

A deficiency in toilet and locker facilities was noted in the four cottages at the institution. Only two toilets are available for each cottage, compared to better than 40 occupants in each, Dr. Bates pointed out.

The penologist's report to the board showed that in addition to better than 40 inmates in each cottage at MacLaren, 60 are housed in a reception cottage, 40 in the L. E. Darling dormitory and 40 in temporary barracks.

As for the new 100-bed unit now being built, Dr. Bates said he believed it could handle possibly 30 more inmates, thus easing the strain elsewhere.

As for the state's planned new intermediate institution, the New Jersey penologist strongly commended it as means of taking some 18 and 19-year-olds out of the State Prison, "where they don't belong."

Dr. Bates frowned on the practice of sending to State Prison first offenders in this age bracket. He pointed out that no inmate at MacLaren is over 17.

School 'Invaded'

TOKYO, April 12 (U. S. The 6,000 girl students at the Bunka Sewing Academy got a surprise when 23 male students enrolled with them. Two are university graduates.

CONGRATULATIONS

FIRST PLACE WINNER..... and receiving the Brownie Movie Camera for the excellent shot of the baby asleep at his job is ERNEST W. NEEMEN of 225 E. Chemawa, Salem

SECOND PLACE WINNER..... and receiving the Brownie Bulbeye Flash Camera Outfit for the very nicely exposed color slide of a very small baby is W. R. REES of P.O. Box 1006, Salem

THIRD PLACE WINNER..... and receiving a full year's supply of roll film in either black and white or Kodachrome is DANIEL R. MADSEN of 4160 Barrett Way, Salem

Our sincere best wishes to these folks for their fine snapshots. We really had a hard time picking the winners, there were so many fine pictures to judge. To all the others who entered our contest we wish to thank you for your wonderful response, and hope to be able to award you a prize in one of our next contests. We will be having others throughout the year, so don't give up hope. There will be a future contest for the best animal snapshot sometime in the summer. Details will be announced before it occurs, so be watching our ads.

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At the Legislature

Full Coverage by the Statesman Statesman Staff and Associated Press

Liberalizing of Accident Benefits Voted in House

A bill to liberalize industrial accident benefits was passed by 46 to 12 vote in the House Friday and sent to the Senate.

House Bill 12 withstood objections that it might open the door to using the workmen's compensation funds for many cardiac cases.

Sponsors said the change is worth a try for two years because if it isn't construed to cover all kinds of heart cases it probably will not cost the fund any additional amount.

Rep. Berkeley Lent (D), Portland, said the added coverage probably wouldn't cost as much as the litigation over such claims at present.

The law would be changed to qualify any accidental injury instead of one caused by "violent or external means" as now required.

Action Completed

In other legislation Friday, the Senate completed legislative action on appropriations for the State School for the Blind, School for the Deaf and Hillcrest School, along with several other state activities.

This was the first batch of general fund appropriations to go completely through the Legislature.