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Inviting Lawlessness

Closing their eyes to cold facts and figures and paying no heed to solemn warnings from such recognized authorities as J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation who admonishes the nation that the coming winter will be one of record lawlessness, Salem's city budget committee has by its niggardly disregard of police department requests for more funds hung out the welcome sign to every drifting crook who wanders this way. Hoover estimates that the country will have an army of six million criminals to contend with during the coming winter and declares that crime is everywhere on the increase.

But the budgeteers don't have to go far afield to get competent evidence of this trend. Records of the police department illustrate the existence of that same tendency here:

Reports of the Salem police for the months of April 1945 and 1946 reveal that there were five times as many robberies committed this year as last; that burglaries reported were 24 times as numerous as during April of last year; that the 50 cases of larceny chalked up in April of last year were smothered under an avalanche of 72 cases of that nature last April, and that local automobile thefts numbered 18 this year as compared to ten during the previous April. Robberies during the month of May balanced equally during the two years, but burglaries rose from a score of ten in 1945 to 28 this year. Auto thefts ran neck and neck with nine reported for each day, but larceny complaints rose from 54 in 1945 to an even 100 this last May.

To cope with this alarming condition the department last year, aside from its headquarters staff, had a force of 18 patrolmen, eight of them assigned chiefly to traffic duty, two plainclothesmen and two detectives. It had and still has only three cars for use on motor patrols. Three of these men were added to the force about eight months ago to meet an emergency. When it came to preparing its budget estimates for the coming year the department, foreseeing the serious outlook for the coming 12 months, asked for nine new men and continuance of the three temporary patrolmen carried over from last year. It also requested additional patrol cars and incidental equipment.

Had all of its budget requests been granted, the police department would still be short of men and equipment with which to combat the mounting wave of crime. But it was cut off short at the pockets, authorization for continuance of the three temporary patrolmen through the coming year being the sole concession made to the serious situation looming ahead. No concession whatever has been made to the fact that the probable annexation of outlying suburbs to the city in this month's elections will add several miles to the street system which must be patrolled. Nor has any consideration been given to the demands which increasing traffic is adding to the police duties, a demand which cannot be ignored much longer.

Final action on adoption of the 1946-47 city budget is scheduled for next Monday night. Before giving its final approval the council should make such changes in the budget as are needed to insure the city of police facilities adequate to meet the clearly indicated demands of the next 12 months.

The Malaria Threat

Following the war between the states, 1861-65, and again after the Spanish-American war of 1898 malaria flared up in explosive epidemics centering around returning military carriers, but no similar epidemic occurred after hostilities had ceased in the first World War because most of the fighting took place in countries not subject to the disease. Now, with thousands of servicemen already home and other thousands being returned from the Philippines, Malaya, Burma, the Mediterranean and other well known centers of malaria, health authorities are looking for a recurrence of the disease that is not a killer but one that may cause lasting damage to the victim.

While Marion county health department records fail to show malaria in endemic form, certain sections, such as the low country south of Ankeny hill, have produced cases in scattered numbers each year. The return from war of thousands of carriers makes the situation a bit more serious and medical authorities are on the lookout for trouble.

The anopheles mosquito, distinguished from his more numerous cousins, by his angular position on the victim rather than the horizontal, is the real mischief maker. The manner of transmission of the disease is fairly simple. A malaria mosquito bites a carrier, thereby securing a small supply of infected blood. Then in about two weeks the mosquito bites a second person who subsequently becomes infected. Thus a chain of carriers is established and the disease rapidly becomes endemic. (F. E. Z.)

Twin Beds Mean Better Marriages, It Says Here

Chicago, July 13 (AP)—Married couples are discovering that they will stay together longer if they sleep apart, J. Paul Fanning said today. "They'll also sleep better," he said. Fanning, secretary and general manager of the National Association of Bedding Manufacturers, said that demands for twin beds increased by 50 percent during the war. And the trend still is toward twin beds, he said.

"Husbands and wives are discovering that two in a bed makes a crowd," he said. "They are getting tired of dodging each other all night."

Fanning said that most people sleep like tops—they spin all night. The average sleeper changes his position at least 20 times a night. Really active ones turn over 45 times.

"You have to turn to be relaxed," he added. "If there's a big barrier there, it won't let you roll over, and you won't rest as well."

Judge John P. Scarbaro, who has heard hundreds of divorce cases, said Fanning was right. "Many people are together too much because they share double beds," Scarbaro said. "They have to go to bed and get up at the same time so they won't disturb each other. With twin beds, they can do as they please."

"It's unfortunate that so many couples who seek divorces have never slept in twin beds."



IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS THE CARS WITH A HIGH REAR ENTRANCE WERE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO THE LADIES.

The Fireside Pulpit

Reverend George H. Swift
Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Impartiality—Rain is falling steadily here today on Whidby Island in Puget Sound. Some people call it a million dollar rain. Hundreds of other people whose plans have been upset, cannot understand why it has to rain in July and spoil their day! While one group of people was praying for rain, another was praying for sunshine; both groups, we can believe, were God-fearing people who remembered the words of our Lord, "ask and ye shall have."

It is quite obvious that as far as the rain is concerned, He "sendeth His rain upon the just and the unjust." Temporarily, it may upset someone's plans, but in the long view of things, the vacationers themselves would be put to greater inconvenience if God should withhold the rain—and there would be no harvest.

As a matter of fact we are all dependent on God's gifts of both rain and sunshine, whether we are farmers, merchants, mechanics, doctors or clergymen. Our unanswered prayers may make us bitter at the time, but

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

If all the sunshine we've had around these parts this summer were laid end to end and turned into a tape line it wouldn't go around the belly of an average sized boysenberry. And we don't care what Clay Cochran of the Chamber of Commerce says about this, either. In fact, we think he'll be too smart to be little the size of the average boysenberry by trying to deny the part about the sunshine.

When a guy these days begins thinking about a dollar bill in the terms of butter it's size is shaved down smaller in proportion than it was when they abandoned the old wall paper type of bill for the abbreviated one. In fact, the comparison with a pound of butter makes it look like a special delivery postage stamp.

Ed Brasher, the custodian of the courthouse building and grounds, discovered an undamaged upper plate this morning reposing on the lawn toward the High street side. Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Garvin, who has a habit of sneezing out his uppers when crossing High street denied same was his and exhibited his own in the right place to prove it. So Ed has left the plate with the sheriff's office for anyone to claim who can identify same.

Novelties In the News

Shrimp We Got
Tulsa, Okla., July 13 (AP)—The following came from a food store advertisement in the Tulsa Tribune:
"Shrimp. We have it but it's too high, I wouldn't buy. Regular 20 cent size now 89 cents."

Seasoned Drivers
Salt Lake City, July 13 (AP)—Police Sgt. F. Clark Sanford believes he'll turn out some well-seasoned drivers in his current driving class. Among the 64 students are Melba Sugar and Dale Salt.

Build Bridge, Find River
Bend, Ore., July 13 (AP)—Workmen are building a bridge out this way and when they finish they're going to put a river under it.
The Deschutes river channel is being shifted to avoid soil erosion.

Kickback
Chicago, July 13 (AP)—For the last 20 years Leo Zientek, an eviction bailiff, has been carrying out court orders to move people out on the street.
Last March Zientek's landlord notified him he would have to move from his apartment so his daughter could have a home when her husband returned from service.

Now Zientek is faced with the problem of kicking himself out of his own apartment following issuance of a court order for his eviction.

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MACKENZIE'S Column

By DeWitt MacKenzie

The breakdown of Chinese distribution of UNRRA food, resulting in Director-General LaGuardia ordering all but emergency supplies withheld from China, appears to have been due to grave "mishandling," to use a euphemism. But call it by any name you will and it still is a tragedy in view of the terrible famine conditions in that stricken country.

UNRRA staff members in China have accused Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's government of failing to get materials to millions in the interior, and of using relief goods for political ends. It is said that supplies also are reaching the black markets.

T. T. Tsiang, head of the Chinese national relief and rehabilitation administration (CNRA), in appealing to Mr. LaGuardia to rescind the order cutting relief, admitted to newsmen that "local interference by both sides" (Chinese nationalists and Chinese communists) had prevented supplies from reaching assigned areas. He declared, however, that this contended order, by both Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and the communist commanders.

A Lot Unexplained
All this leaves a lot unexplained, and I have before me a letter from a well-informed American resident of China which takes the matter a good deal deeper. This letter deals with what is known as "squeeze" in China. "Squeeze" is the equivalent of "honest graft."

That's what the butler gets when custom permits him to help himself to his lordship's whiskey and port. "Squeeze" is a preogative which is widely condoned in the Orient by tradition.

The letter at hand says that "squeeze" is an accepted fact in every negotiation, even with the handling of UNRRA supplies by the Chinese.

"It would be interesting," continues the writer, "to know what a small percentage of the relief supplies ever reach the war devastated areas in China, for every person handling them gets his 'squeeze' and the starving people are inland so far that many workers handle the supplies."

The Estimates
In this connection Tung P. Wu, chairman of the Communist relief organization, stated Friday that only half of one percent of all UNRRA supplies sent to China had seeped through to communist areas. Previously UNRRA employees in Shanghai had estimated that less than two percent of relief goods reached the communists districts, a statement which T. F. Tsiang described as "misleading" since it didn't take into account the almost complete breakdown of communications due to the war, and to the fact that many supplies were machinery and the like not intended for the interior.

In any event there is no dispute about faulty distribution. But that isn't the most shocking point dealt with by the letter at hand. My informant, writing under date of June 5, mentions having seen supplies from original UNRRA shipments on sale in the Shanghai black-market.

Poor Transportation
Of course "squeeze" and other bad handling of supplies doesn't by any means account for all the difficulties. It is all too true that there is scant rail and water transportation remaining in China after the long years of war-time destruction, and former President Herbert Hoover said in Shanghai on May 30 that the tonnage needs of relief were greater than the transportation facilities.

At that time Mr. Hoover described the food need of China as "enormous," with whole villages in the interior facing extinction. He said it was impossible to compute the numbers of people in critical conditions, but no doubt they ran into millions. Unhappy China bears a heavy yoke of suffering.

The first torpedo, the "spar torpedo" of the Civil War, was a long ram with a bomb on the end of it.



Pianist—Ralph Dobbs of the school of music, Willamette university, who will be presented in recital at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Waller hall.

WU Concert Series Opens

Ralph Dobbs, pianist of the Willamette university school of music, will present a concert in Waller hall auditorium Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The concert formally opens a series of activities to be presented during the eight-week summer session on the campus. The pianist is well known in Oregon for his many presentations. One of his most recent performances will be a duobiano concert with Mrs. Dobbs in the Portland art museum.

Sunday's program will be in three parts with numbers by Kittle-Bauer, Gallie-Respighi and Bach-Busoni opening the concert. Chopin's Sonata B Flat Minor Op. 35 constitutes the second portion, while five numbers in lighter vein will conclude the performance.

Portland Rent Law Studied

Portland, July 13 (AP)—The mayor's recommendation that Portland consider establishing local rent control before Aug. 1—the date on which rent increases would go into effect—Mayor Earl Riley asked the council to consider both the tenants' proposal, of continuing OPA ceilings, and the landlords' suggestion, of establishing a fair rental bureau which would act against individually reported "excessive rent" cases.

Five hundred Portlanders turned out to a "buyers strike rally" last night and voted to ask Oregon congressmen to back price control. Speakers, predicting high price increases should OPA be permanently discarded, urged local price ceilings if federal action fails. State Budget Director George K. Aiken said Governor Snell was investigating possible price control.

Robert Canon, chairman of the American Veterans' committee, told the audience every house which raises rent unfairly will be picketed. His committee extended its picket lines yesterday from the downtown market to a residence where the tenant complained of a rent increase from \$18 to \$35 a month.

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Arrival of Yankee Wives Means Housecleaning Siege

By Hal Boyle

Berlin, July 13 (AP)—Living in a bomb-damaged German house under repair is a real adventure in Babel. American wives waiting to come to Berlin have no idea what an agony of Katzenjammer housecleaning their husbands are enduring to ready some kind of a home for them.

At present I am dwelling in a home in suburban Zehlendorf which Dick Kasischke, an Associated Press correspondent, is having fixed up for his wife and daughter.

It wasn't a bad foxhole at all when we moved in. The plumbing on opposite sides of the house worked on alternate days, the roof was okay and, although there weren't any window panes left in my room, the bed was comfortable and the rain didn't blow in very far.

Beer Kept Cool
Downstairs the dining room did look a little as if it had been used for a chicken coop, but this didn't matter because we were eating out anyway at an army mess. Besides, the icebox worked well enough to keep the beer cool and the grand piano wasn't missing any important keys.

We were very comfortable. It was a nice house. I liked it because it was the only house I ever saw in Germany that didn't have a picture of Bismarck on the wall. All we had was a statue of the first Kaiser Wilhelm.

Then the German housekeeper and the two elderly maids learned that "the American housefrau"—Mrs. Kasischke—would soon be here from Detroit. The storm struck.

"Ziss house — no American woman live in it," said the housekeeper. Since then we have been enveloped in a domestic whirlwind of dust, mops, pails, paint, cement, floor shaving and teutonic arguments between the housekeeper and the battalion of German glaziers, plasterers, painters, gardeners, woodworkers, and plumbers, supplied by the army for "operation make-ready."

Leering Through the Door
We wake up sneezing and go to bed coughing and the place smells like a hardware store. It looks like a cross between a carpenter's ball and a circus grounds with the big tent just going up.

Each morning I awake to see half a dozen kraut workmen leering through the bedroom door. I can't get into the bathroom because two plumbers are banging on the pipes. They tear out a pipe and cuss the Versailles treaty. They put the pipe back in and complain about the four-power occupation.

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