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Desecrating Marion Park

Some short sighted business interests are advocating that the beautiful large Douglas firs that beautify historic Marion Park be cut down and the park be made a public parking lot for automobiles. They assert that some of the trees are "overripe" and should be utilized for lumber before their timber value has expired. Others advocate that a subterranean auto parking place be excavated under the park as Union Square has been utilized in San Francisco for a three floor underground garage, thus providing a park above and auto storage underneath.

Salem has few enough public parks and has been very negligent in their improvement and we cannot spare any we have. They contribute much to the esthetic, cultural and recreational facilities of the city. An auto parking lot contributes nothing except convenience to auto owners. On the contrary it is an eyesore. It is bad enough to have to tolerate open parking lots and have all our streets as well utilized as free garages to the detriment of traffic and access, increasing the hazard to life and limb.

The auto is a necessary evil, but it should not dominate everything. It is our most lethal weapon and keeps morticians, hospitals and surgeons busy. Its use is badly abused. It encourages laziness and extravagance and stimulates crime. It should be utilized for necessity and pleasure, but not to save short walks. There is a great opportunity for privately owned storage garages and ramps in Salem, but it is not utilized and will not be as long as unlimited street parking is tolerated.

Marion Square was part of the original townsite of Salem, donated for park purposes. The pioneer founders of the city had much more vision, in providing wide streets and parks, than we, their successors, have shown. Any one can cut down trees that took hundreds of years to grow and the desolation of forests reflects shortsighted human greed. It is the only section of the primeval forest left to us today. Its denuding would be a sacrilege.

As for the underground garage, it is impractical for Salem is not built on a rock. The business part of the city rests on an ancient river delta of sand and gravel and the cobblestone. The water table is still within a few feet of the surface. Probably eons ago the Santiam emptied into the Willamette there and meandered all over the lowlands in flood times. Anyway the dream of an underground parking place will have to be abandoned.

Inflation and Roads

Oregon began to really feel the pinch of inflated prices when the state highway department was called upon to put an additional \$600,000 required to build about half of a new North Santiam highway around the projected Detroit dam. The request came from the federal public roads bureau which last week opened bids on four units of the road west of the dam.

So far out of line with engineers' estimates were the bids that their acceptance was delayed pending consultation of the road bureau engineers with the highway commission and the forest service, all of which share in the expense of relocating the road. The state was asked for \$600,000 or double its estimated contribution.

When plans were originally drawn for the highway, the total cost of the relocation job was figured at \$3,600,000. Revised figures now place the total cost at \$5,500,000, an advance of \$1,900,000.

The state's share of the original cost was fixed at \$300,000, to which amount the highway commission committed itself. Now it is asked for an additional \$600,000, or an increase of 200 percent in its share. Asked only to put up one-twelfth of the total original cost, the state is now billed for nearly a third of the revised estimate.

Rejection of the request for additional funds by the highway commission will probably mean rejection of the bids and the delay of at least another year in getting work on the project started. Considering that the project will probably come within the scope of the ban on public works construction ordered by the government, and that the actual work could not get under way much before spring, it is probably as well that this and similar jobs be laid on the shelf for a few months until building costs recede to limits within reason. After all public works should be reserved to take up the slack in private employment—when it materializes.

Byrnes Proves His Case

When the official Russian news agency yesterday published in full the charges hurled at the Soviet during the course of Tuesday's debate over rules of procedure at the Paris conference and the Moscow radio followed with a broadcast of those charges by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, the Soviet officials not only accepted Byrnes challenge, they proved his contention.

During the heat of Tuesday's debate Byrnes accused Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov of seeking directly to wreck the peace conference and declared that Molotov does not represent the true sentiments on the peace issue of the Russian people who are kept in ignorance of the actual facts. Byrnes declared:

"In the United States we have a free press. Therefore the Soviet representative can be sure his attack against me has been published in the United States. I challenge him to see that following statement is also published in the press of the Soviet Union.

"When the Soviet had its back to the wall, the United States promised aid and we came to their aid. We have only admiration and respect for the people of the Soviet Union. And we won't let that admiration and respect be changed by any attacks by Mr. Molotov."

Tuesday passed without mention of the Byrnes-Molotov clash appearing either in the Russian press or on the government controlled radio. The silence persisted Wednesday but on Thursday came publication—on official orders from the Kremlin.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPROVE THAT PORTION OF NEBRASKA STREET FROM THE EAST LINE OF 15TH STREET TO THE WEST LINE OF 18TH STREET IN THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, deems it necessary and expedient, and hereby declares its purpose and intention to improve that portion of Nebraska Street from the East line of 15th Street to the West line of 18th Street in the City of Salem, Oregon, by bringing said portion of said street to the established grade, constructing Portland Cement curbs, and paving said portion of said street with Asphaltic Concrete pavement twenty-four feet in width, in accordance with the plans and specifications hereof, which were adopted by the Common Council on the 5th day of August, 1946, now on file in the Office of the City Recorder, and which are hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

The Common Council hereby declares its purpose and intention to make the above-described improvement by and through the Street Improvement Department of the City of Salem, Oregon.



Slaughter To Head Probe of Surplus Property Disposal

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—Defeated Rep. Slaughter headed back to Capitol Hill today to resume direction of an inquiry billed as likely to put "several persons, in government and otherwise, in a tight position." The quoted words are those of Hugh D. Wise, Jr., general counsel for the house committee investigating surplus property disposal.

The committee's chairman is Slaughter, the Missouri democrat whom President Truman successfully marked for defeat in Tuesday's primary election.

Meanwhile, the possibility of a fresh disposal sensation—a near "corner" on the surplus aluminum market—was raised even as Wise was announcing the postponement of today's scheduled house committee session to permit Slaughter to take over next Monday.

Here is the situation on the two, and as yet unrelated, fronts:

1. The war assets administration froze deliveries of surplus aluminum sheet in several midwestern and southwestern states pending a WAA-FBI investigation under which the disposal agency said one or two companies might have "cornered the market."

A WAA spokesman told a reporter that 43 persons or more were using veterans' priority certificates to buy large quantities of the scarce sheet from surplus stocks. The bulk of these purchases later were referred to a single midwest concern, its identity not disclosed.

2. The Slaughter committee announced that promoter Benjamin F. Fields, whose name has figured in the senate war investigating committee's inquiry into the Garsson munitions combine, will be its first witness next week.

Robbing the Blind

Chicago, Aug. 9 (AP)—When Sam Faulisi, 68, walked into the lobby of the county building, tapping his white cane, he was directed to the lineup in front of the cashier's window to pay his property tax of \$83.

A man volunteered to assist Faulisi and he took the \$83 he was holding and stood in line with him.

When Faulisi presented his tax statement he told the cashier his newly acquired friend would give him the \$83. But the cashier told Faulisi, who is blind, his "good Samaritan" had disappeared.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPROVE THAT PORTION OF MILL STREET FROM THE EAST LINE OF 11TH STREET TO THE WEST LINE OF 13TH STREET IN THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, deems it necessary and expedient, and hereby declares its purpose and intention to improve that portion of Mill Street from the East line of 11th Street to the West line of 13th Street in the City of Salem, Oregon, by bringing said portion of said street to the established grade, constructing Portland Cement curbs, and paving said portion of said street with Asphaltic Concrete pavement twenty feet in width, in accordance with the plans and specifications hereof, which were adopted by the Common Council on the 5th day of August, 1946, now on file in the Office of the City Recorder, and which are hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

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MACKENZIE'S Column

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.

(A.P. Foreign Affairs Analyst)
While the delegates were gathering in Paris for what someone has described as "an allied conference to make peace among themselves," one of the world's great humanitarian organizations—the Red Cross—was meeting in Geneva and, among other things, discussing preparations for war.

A correspondent writing from the former seat of the League of Nations, where numerous organizations have met this year in the interest of general welfare, says:

"Genevans are optimistic about their town's future as a center of international good will and peace. However, the general hopefulness is somewhat clouded by a shadow emanating from the discussions of the International Red Cross conference, where delegates are unanimously concerned about the threat of a future war, which all think possible."

Security Zones Talked

Delegates are said to have discussed "with greatest interest" a Bolivian proposal which called for the establishment of security zones for mothers and children in war areas, as far as possible from military objectives and industrial centers, where life and education could go on while their menfolk sought to destroy each other.

A strikingly similar idea comes from 48 members of the Swiss parliament, who have suggested that their government should propose at forthcoming international conferences on all continents of "oases of humanity," consisting of whole neutralized countries where people of all nationalities could seek refuge during wars.

Not a True Peace

The proposal, in the form of a public appeal, says "thinking humanity is more and more convinced that the end of the last war has not brought a true peace" and that "the gap between west and east grows ever larger." There is no other way, the statement continues, "to save millions from certain death than to create these oases of humanity where every man would have the same rights whatever his nationality and where his economic situation would be assured."

There immediately arise numerous questions with regard to the possibility of implementing such programs. But it is not their feasibility, or even their desirability, that makes them important. It is the idea behind them—the situation that causes people to be thinking along these lines: a striking commentary of the times that the Paris conference should be coincidental with the cry from Switzerland: "Save the women and children."

Busiest Oil State

Casper, Wyo. (AP)—Oil activity in Wyoming equals the total in all other Rocky Mountain states. H. O. (Tex) English, executive secretary of the Rocky Mountain oil and gas association, revealed here recently.

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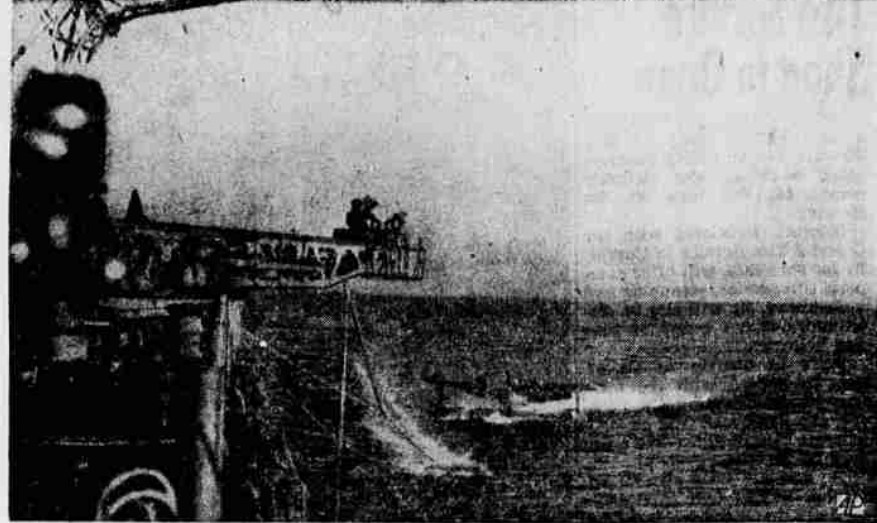
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPROVE THAT PORTION OF SAGINAW STREET FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF OWENS STREET TO THE NORTH LINE OF LINCOLN STREET IN THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, deems it necessary and expedient, and hereby declares its purpose and intention to improve that portion of Saginaw Street from the South line of Owens Street to the North line of Lincoln Street in the City of Salem, Oregon, by bringing said portion of said street to the established grade, constructing Portland Cement curbs, and paving said portion of said street with Asphaltic Concrete pavement 30 feet in width, in accordance with the plans and specifications hereof, which were adopted by the Common Council on the 5th day of August, 1946, now on file in the Office of the City Recorder, and which are hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

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PLANE TAXI TO SLED—In a Navy demonstration showing how scout planes are recovered, this plane taxis to a sled before being hoisted aboard the USS Denver. In this method, a sled is allowed to stream behind the ship; the plane taxis to the sled; the sled is then reeled into position under a crane waiting to hoist the plane aboard.

Fair's Poultry Show Will Have New Basis of Judging

By Bruce W. Williams

The Oregon State Fair, offering \$50,000 in premiums for livestock and agricultural exhibits, will begin here Labor Day, the first fair since 1941. The livestock and poultry divisions have been allotted a 25 percent increase in prize money while other classifications have been raised considerably.

Particular interest is centered in the poultry division where for the first time judging will be limited to utility and production. Manager Leo Spitzbart in announcing the change, said that the new judging basis is designed to more fully emphasize the contributions made during the war years by Oregon poultrymen. Premiums will be offered for prize eggs for the first time and plans are now being completed for a refrigerated display of dressed birds.

Claude Stouloff, for many years a pure-bred breeder near Salem, will be superintendent of the entire livestock show. The fair livestock barns, which can house over 5000 animals, have been newly painted. Competition promises to be keen in the Jersey division of the dairy show with entries on hand from

grounds. The building has been remodeled according to specifications of both organizations who display all their entries other than livestock in the new area.

Five divisions of light horses have been included in the livestock show for the first time. The new divisions are American saddle, Arabian, Morgan, Palomino, and quarter horses.

The land products show of the fair will again be under the supervision of Charles Cole of Salem. Judging of all land products will be handled by Prof. H. G. B. Bouquet of Oregon State college.

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Arnie Hewitt willingly accepts back her engagement ring and Greer, forced to sell her beautiful house and treasures, moves to a small apartment and takes the job Rocky has offered.

Unhappy and restless, she nevertheless finds some contentment in her small apartment and in her cousin, young Isabel. To her amazement and dismay she finds that Harriet is "running around" with Rocky and when she demands that he stop, he laughs at her. She resigns her job.

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