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## Just Kidding Themselves

If the lawmakers who are responsible for the proposal to amend the state constitution to provide for a definite duration of the regular biennial legislative session have the idea that they can thereby create in the public mind an alibi for the failure of the 1947 assembly to get more than one piece of major legislation enacted in 70 days, they are kidding no one but themselves. No one else who has watched their progress will be deceived.

The reaction of the public to the 60-day limit for regular sessions at \$10 a day for the full 60 days will be prompt and positive, especially when the voters have had time to scan the record of the 44th assembly and weigh it carefully.

The only outstanding achievement they have to show for those 70 days is an unprecedented program of salary increases for elected state officials and non-classified members of their personal staffs. To crown that record with the request that their own pay be increased from \$8 a day for 50 days to \$10 a day for 60 days is almost ridiculous enough to be really amusing.

Well founded or not, there are stories circulating around the lobbies to the effect that the session has been deliberately prolonged to make the case for the sales tax as the sole remaining untapped source of major revenue the more impressive. That fact could have been as well established 30 days ago or even earlier.

The emphasis laid upon the importance of balancing the budget was just so much hooey, for the balance, if achieved, will only exist on paper. It all depends on what the people do to the sales tax on June 24th. If they approve it with their ballots the state will be swimming in revenue, and the most cherished dreams of the cities and counties for new tax income will have been answered far in excess of their wildest dreams. Even the school teachers will for once have obtained their objective with a fair margin to go on.

If the good people of Oregon fail to be impressed with how really desperate the situation is and turn thumbs down on the sales tax—as they have done five times before—house and senate leaders who have assumed responsibility, along with Governor Snell, for the financial program set up by the 1947 legislature, will really have something to worry about—they and the other half dozen potential governors and United States senators who have been cluttering up the legislative landscape.

That is when the tight shoes of responsibility for this mess will begin to pinch. There will be an irresistible demand for a special session of the same lawmakers who have botched things up so thoroughly this time. The irony of such a situation exists in the fact that such a special session could legally endure only 20 days for each of which they could only collect \$8.

## Hoover Disperses Illusions About Germany

In his third report to President Truman on his economic mission to Germany and Austria, Herbert Hoover outlined a program he said would promote Germany's exports, relieve American taxpayers of the burden of relief and speed the recovery of Europe. The program would include a German industry free of foreign ownership but subject to a central commission, the cessation of the removal and destruction of plants, except direct arms plants, and the continuation of the Ruhr and Rhineland as part of Germany.

Declaring that production was "the only path to recovery" Mr. Hoover said the productivity of Europe cannot be restored without the restoration of Germany as a contributor to that productivity. He accused the Russians and the French of creating some of the difficulties to fulfill the provisions of the Potsdam agreement for economic unity in the four allied zones, as both the Russian and French zones are "producing industrial commodities which would relieve necessities in the Anglo-American zones and could contribute to exports with which to pay for food, for the United States and Britain through relief as paying Russian and French reparations." His four point economic program for Europe is summarized as follows:

"The difference between this concept and the 'level of industry' concept (agreed upon March 26, 1946, by the United States, Great Britain, Russia and France) is the saving of several hundred millions of dollars a year to the American and British taxpayers. It is the difference between the regeneration and a further degeneration of Europe.

"2. The removal and destruction of plants (except direct arms plants) should stop.

"3. A further obstacle to building Germany as an essential unit of European economy arises from the Russian government's acquiring a large part of the key operating industries in their zone. German industry in peace must be free from ownership of industry by a foreign government. Such ownership can thwart every action of control or of rebuilding by joint action of other nations. German industry must be operated by Germans if any international control is to work, if she is to recover production and is to serve all nations equally.

"4. There can be no separation or different regime of the Ruhr or Rhineland from the new Germany. That is the heart of her industrial economy. Any control commission can dictate the destination of coal or other exports from that area and even such control would not be needed after the area of scarcity passes from Europe."

As the United States and Britain are contributing \$600 million a year to prevent starvation of Germans in their respective zones alone, the necessity for some such program, opposed by both Russia and France is imperative, not only for economic reasons but as a necessity for peace, which cannot long be delayed. The Russian zone produces a surplus of food used elsewhere. Both Russian and French zones are producing industrial commodities that could be used in the Anglo-American zones to help pay for food. Mr. Hoover says it is an illusion that Germany can be reduced to a pastoral state and be self supporting as well that Europe can recover without the economic recovery of Germany. Our elder statesman is giving good advice.

## Elfstrom Proclaims April 7 Army Day

In a statement to the public Monday Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom set apart April 7 as Army day and April 7 to 12 as Army week in Salem, in conformity with a national movement.

"As a token of gratitude to the personnel of the armed forces of the United States who have so recently achieved victory in the greatest of all wars, and who now stand as guardians of world peace and security, Monday, April 7, 1947, is hereby officially designated Army day and the week of April 7 to 12 as Army week in the city of Salem," the mayor said.

"Every effort will be made to express to these fighting men and protectors of liberty the appreciation of a thankful nation. The public of Salem is urged to cooperate in the observance by participation in various functions planned, and particularly by the general display of the American flag from homes and buildings throughout the city from sunrise until sunset each day from April 7 to and including April 12."



A Dog's Life  
By Beck

HAVING A DOG DOES GET US OUT WINDOW SHOPPING MORE.

## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

We hear the good old Salem cherry fair of other years is to be revived for 1947. It's like picking up a hunk of the good old days and dropping it back into the laps of the boys and girls. Incidentally, we happen to have before us a little handful of votes cast for Emily Nerod for cherry queen and goddess of liberty for the Salem Cherry Fair of 1913 and if we remember right Emily became such and ruled right regally. Whether they had cherry fairs after that recollection does not serve. But Royal Anns never looked so royal. Bings so full of bing or republicans so black as those they showed off at ye old cherry fairs and in those days we doubt if there was a worm in a carload. We hope if they have the fair they'll also make arrangements with Hallie Parrish Hinges to dish up at least one solo. No cherry fairs were complete without her.

His Kingdom for a Horse  
(Gladys Shields in Jefferson Review)

Ernie Henningsen is the proud possessor of a new posse horse, a purebred Palomino gelding. To appease his wife, he also brought home a bouquet of carnations, and allowed her to order new linoleum laid in the kitchen and to buy a new electric range and refrigerator. The Boss didn't bring us even a little bit of seed of flower seed when he came home with a new car. But we're larin'.

Maybe some of the posse wives around here can take a lesson from the Jefferson lady.

Inasmuch as the city council is toying with the idea of licensing game boards, according to reports, a local civic stalwart suggests that maybe two birds could be killed with one stone, or one nickel-made to serve two purposes by hooking up the slot machine idea with the parking meter and have a combination parking meter and slot machine so the city could get all the gravy. He suggests that maybe the parking meters might pay off in slugs and if a lucky nickel dropper grabbed a payoff he'd be given a handful of slugs, each one worth an extra hour in parking. The idea sounds intriguing and might go a long way toward solving the revenue problem for the city fathers but wouldn't help the parking situation much. Every parking place would be filled with folks playing the machines.

E. L. Smith of the fire department is pretty proud of a letter he has just received. The other day he showed a couple of youngsters about the department, explained the apparatus and system used and the boys were quite enthusiastic. He has just received the following note: "I want to thank you for showing Fred and I around the fire station. We enjoyed it very much. Yours truly, Jack Braziel." The note was written in braille and the lads were from the blind school.

## Lt. John Creech, Salem, Thought Victim of Ethiopian Plane Crash

Cairo, Egypt, March 24 (AP)—The bodies of six Americans killed Thursday in the crash of a C-47 plane in the mountains of Ethiopia have been brought to Cairo by plane. Bodies of five of the victims will be sent to the United States; Lt. Howard G. Smith of Boise, Idaho, air transport command pilot; Lt. John Creech of Oregon, member of the U. S. Army's Middle East detachment; Staff Sgt. Dale Holmes of Iowa, crew chief; Master Sgt. Donald Tisdall of the New York vicinity, radio operator, and Don I. Sullivan of Beverly Hills, Calif., petroleum attaché at the U. S. embassy in Cairo.

The body of Daniel C. Dennett, Jr., of near Newton, Mass., will be sent to Beyrouth where he was cultural relations attaché at the U. S. legation.

While official notification has not been received the Lt. John Creech listed as one of the persons aboard the crashed plane, is thought to be a Salem man, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Creech of 180 South 14th street. On contacting Rep. Walter Norblad, in Washington, regarding the accident the Creechs were informed that they would receive official notification Monday.

## Traffic Mishaps Over Week-end

Joseph V. Edding of Lebanon ruined two tires on his automobile when he got the car stalled on the Southern Pacific railroad track at 12th and Marion streets early Monday morning.

After trying in vain to remove the car, during which time he damaged the tires, Edding called police headquarters for assistance and the police had to call a wrecker.

In another week-end traffic mishap, Alvin Hornsuech, 13, of 1757 Chemeketa street, riding a bicycle at High and State Sunday, was struck by an automobile driven by Wilbur J. Richard, route 2, Silvertown. The boy was injured, but not seriously.

Cars driven by Kenneth L. Williams, route 2, and William G. Ross, 958 Oak street, Eugene, collided Saturday night at North Capitol and Center. There were no injuries.

A hit-and-run accident was reported by H. E. Phelps, 635 North 14th, who told police that his car was struck by another with an unidentified driver at the wheel, near his home Sunday evening.

Leslie V. Lefler, 2340 Bluff, was cited by the police for driving while intoxicated after a collision Saturday night between his car and one driven by Douglas B. Armstrong, Jr., 1689 North 18th. The accident happened at Chemeketa and North Liberty. Several persons were in the vehicles but there were no injuries.

## MACKENZIE'S Column

By DeWitt Mackenzie  
(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

President Truman's order for a house-cleaning among government employes has pinned the label "disloyal" to anyone who belongs to, or has "sympathetic association with," any group which the attorney general rules to be "totalitarian, fascist, communist or subversive."

While this order specifically relates only to government service, it is obvious that the label of disloyalty applies equally to any citizen who associates himself with any of the groups in question. Also, since the chief executive's move comes so soon after the pronouncement of his new world policy against aggressive communism, it's safe to say that he once more is aiming chiefly at the red ism.

Why? What is it that places communism outside the pale of western democracy? What about the claim of American communists and fellow travelers that they will be deprived of constitutional rights if their political ism is banned?

One answer is that modern communism has as a major principle that it must come to power through a revolution by force and that the establishment of a Soviet government—which is a totalitarian dictatorship—must be accompanied by a period of terror to impress the significance of the change on the populace. We first saw this put into effect in the bolshevist revolution which established Russian communism in 1917.

A similar pattern has been followed elsewhere, though there have been some variations in connection with the vast expansion of Moscow's European zone of influence during and since the World War. Elections have been held in Poland and the Balkans, resulting in the return of communist dominated governments, and in the cases of Poland, Bulgaria and Romania, the United States and Britain protested hotly that there was no free vote.

Widespread liquidation of people listed as hostile to communism has been reported in the various countries. All these states are under control of Moscow, although they haven't actually become members of the Soviet union.

Thus we see that communism, as a revolutionary ideology, is wholly outside the laws of any country adhering to western democracy. This fact was recognized by both Britain and America for many years after the bolshevist upheaval of 1917 until finally they took down the bars of Moscow's promise that communist propaganda for world revolution would cease within their domains.

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