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## An American Quizzing?

While the senate is debating the administration bill for a \$400 million fund to aid Greece and Turkey oppose totalitarian aggression in the Middle East, Henry A. Wallace is actively campaigning in England against such assistance and calling on Britain to oppose the Truman program, initiated because Britain was unable to carry it on. Wallace's argument is a continuation of the policy of appeasing Russia through which he lost his cabinet job. His disloyalty to the president at home is matched now with his disloyalty to his government abroad, but there is no question of his loyalty to Russia.

The former vice president advocates a 10-year \$50 billion world spending program for reconstruction. And of course the United States would have to put up the bulk of this \$50 billion as it has so far in the feeding of the world and in the operation of the United Nations, and it would get the same kind of cooperation from the Soviet that it has all along the line in the U.N. peace treaties and programs—active antagonism all along the line as Russia pressed her totalitarian world conquest program to communize the globe.

For implementation of a world reconstruction program Wallace urged:

1. A world agreement for control of atomic energy and other weapons of mass destruction.
2. Internationalization of strategic areas, including the Dardanelles and Suez and Panama canals.
3. Disarmament and creation of a world security system.
4. The spending of \$50,000,000,000 during the next 10 years through the world bank for international reconstruction.

For months Russia has blocked every effort at the Baruch plan, which all the other major powers have insisted and every plan for effective international control, ensuring that America first destroy all atomic bombs in existence. Russia has none. Russia not only insists in her right to veto any action against the violators of the atomic law but also insists in a veto in day-to-day operations of the control authority.

Internationalization of strategic areas proposed by Wallace, includes none of the strategic areas controlled by Russia. The Dardanelles are Turkish, the Suez canal French and British and the Panama canal American. Russia contributes nothing but the iron curtain of her strategic areas in the Black or Baltic seas or in the Siberian areas.

Disarmament and the creation of a world security system have similarly been blocked by Russia which alone refuses to list her troops in occupied countries or at home while demanding lists of other powers. And the Soviets are systematically looting every occupied country from Germany to Manchuria and Korea.

Wallace would give Russia everything she is after in her ideological warfare of oppression and receive nothing from her except aggressive turmoil in driving toward her goal for one world ruled by totalitarian tyranny. He is rendering lick-spittle service to the only great power that looms as a potential enemy to civilization.

## Labor and the Closed Shop

Considering that so much emphasis has been placed on the issue of the closed shop in labor controversies of recent years, and that the demand for its banishment is playing so prominent a part in the formulation of labor control legislation by congress, it seems strange that there should be a strong minority sentiment against the closed shop in the ranks of organized labor itself. That, at least, is the editorial contention of the Saturday Evening Post quoting the Gallup Poll as authority for its statement that there exists "a considerable block of union opinion opposed to the closed shop."

The Post's assertion is made in support of its statement that lawmakers should take into greater account the demands existing in the ranks of unions for labor reforms. It says that the chief task of the legislators is to frame the laws with consideration for the ideas of "the rank and file of union members, even at the expense of certain union leaders and executive secretaries whose conception of their jobs is to repeat the same old errors, only louder."

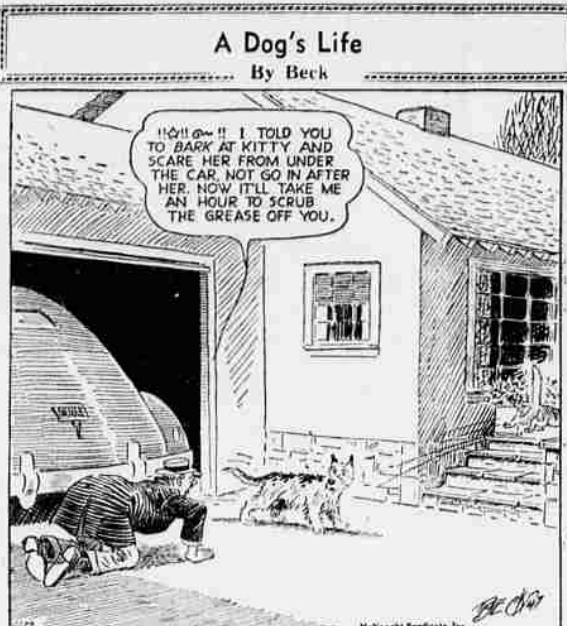
To illustrate the point it seeks to make, the Post cites the experience of a large group of employees of the Philadelphia Record, who were idle throughout most of the winter because of a strike which finally ended in the sale and discontinuance of that newspaper. Most all of these disgruntled strikers were members of the News and Editorial Staffs of the Record who belonged to the Guild. They were not in favor of the strike at any time, but were compelled to walk out with the rest when the pro-strike sentiment prevailed, although aware that the strike vote was due to padding of the membership of the Guild with the non-professional employees of the newspaper in its business and circulation departments. And the Guild in its relations with the management operated under a closed shop contract. In connection with this aspect of the controversy the Post says:

"The result was that reporters, columnists and other writers who were considered wise enough to advise the readers of a great newspaper how to think about Truman and Spain, what stocks to buy, clothes to wear, books to read, horses to bet, night clubs to attend and senators to vote for—the superior and carefully selected members of the community found themselves unable to call their souls their own even on their own salaries and working conditions."

Conceding that there are things to be said in support of the closed shop, such as the injustices of allowing non-union workers to share in the benefits obtained through the efforts of union members who paid union dues in securing the benefits, there are also injustices that are keenly felt among the higher talented and more skilled workers whose greater ability is used as a club to gain undeserved recognition and higher pay for completely unskilled and readily replaced copy boys, business office clerks and other untrained clerical help. Resentment over situations like this are widespread among union workers throughout the country, that should be taken into consideration in drafting legislation to correct the evils of largely unregulated organized labor.

## Letters Available For Future Farmers

Amity—The Amity chapter, Future Farmers of America, has chosen the following members as all around students to receive F.F.A. letters this year: Junior-Senior class: Vern McKee, Randolph Soggan, Kenneth Pike, and John Nauman; sophomores: Charles Casteel, Wayne Ojua and John Davis; freshmen:



## The Fireside Pulpit

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

**Immortality**—Immortality is not something we shall start to enjoy after we are dead. Our immortality has already begun. We are living in the first phase of it today. We do not have to look forward to eternity, we are in it now. We speak of the church militant, the church expectant, and the church triumphant; or, the church on earth, the church in the place of departed spirits, and the church which is now before the throne of God. We think of them as one church through which one passes from one condition to another until one finally stands in the presence of God.

Many people dream away their time in this world thinking about what heaven will be like. Instead of dreaming about the pearly gates and "Joys forevermore," we ought to be digging in right now with all our might to produce something worth preserving beyond the grave. If we have proven ourselves to be thoroughbreds here, we shall be thoroughbreds there!

## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

It begins to look as if the proposal to turn the courthouse parking strip on High street into a terminal for the local bus lines is going to have some hard sledding, as far as the county court is concerned at least. And we can well guess that the fathers who a century ago or so looked ahead to a civic center such as few cities can boast would do some spinning in their graves if they knew their forethought was to some day lead to an architectural exercise which would mar not only the courthouse lawn but the entire civic center, to say nothing of having a part of the public property turned over to some concessionaire so that the neighborhood would be continually littered with candy wrappers, et cetera of a similar type.

Whoever drummed up the plan will find his ears burning from what expressions we heard on the project today just casually picked up on the street, and then further when we dropped in on the county court and heard what the three members of that august body had to say.

Included among remarks there was the suggestion by Commissioner Roy Rice that the city owns a nice big piece of ground right at the rear of the water company plant, a very short distance from the heart of town, which could be converted into a city bus terminal with all conveniences, take the terminal off the streets and give plenty of room for any buildings or whatever it wanted.

Incidentally Commissioner Rice also offered what seems to be another very timely and worthy suggestion. That is,

## Novelties

**Badges Copped**  
Baltimore, April 12 (AP)—Two policemen told their superiors that someone had stolen the badges of their uniform coats. They explained the shields were taken right in the station, too. It happened when they left their coats behind to go on wagon duty they said.

**Pen Pals**  
Hagerstown, Md., April 12 (AP)—E. H. Koons had the floor at a class of 27 reunion of Hagerstown high alumni. He reminisced that he never would forget his dismay at losing a brand-new fountain pen in City Park Lake when he was a sophomore 23 years ago. Merle G. Kaetzl got up to say he never would forget his joy at finding a brand-new fountain pen in City Park Lake 23 years ago. It was the same pen, both agreed, after a close look.

## MACKENZIE'S Column

By DeWitt Mackenzie  
(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)  
One of the highly important questions in connection with President Truman's policy of Greco-Turkish aid naturally is how long it may take to complete the program, and some administration officials have expressed the hope that it can be done in 15 months.

Senator Taft, head of the senate republican policy committee, also told a reporter yesterday that his approval of the bill to implement the new policy was given reluctantly and with the hope that the program could be ended in a year or 15 months. He added: "Once the treaties are ratified, Russia is committed to withdraw her troops from the Balkan countries within 90 days, except for those left to protect communication lines in Austria. If the Russians get out, I think we have promised to do, I think the threat that Greece and Turkey will fall under communist domination will end. In that case I can see no further reason for our continuing to give them assistance."

**Many "ifs" Involved**  
"One notes the use of the word 'hope' rather than 'expectation' in both cases. And indeed there are a good many 'ifs' to be accounted for before the hope becomes a reality. In the first place, of course, we must get an agreement among the Big Four on the German and Austrian treaties. The latter shouldn't be too difficult to negotiate, but the pact for Germany is one of the toughest ever undertaken, because that country is the politico-economic-military keystone for the reconstruction of chaotic Europe. Moreover, the treaty is being negotiated by allies who are split into two camps.

**Distractions Must Go**  
Before that German treaty can be written there must be a tremendous lowering of the barriers between Russia and the western allies. There must be a removal of the hostile distrust now existing. There must be a vast amount of give and take—and it won't be easy, for Russia has emerged as the dominant power of the continent and the readjustment will come hard.

**Satellites Obey**  
Every eastern European and central European country which Russia has communized is to all intents a member of the Soviet Union even though retaining so-called sovereignty. Every one of the satellites obeys the word of Moscow without question.

So we see that the withdrawal of Russian troops from occupied areas wouldn't necessarily insure the security of sovereign states of that zone—unless we get a complete showdown between the two blocs in advance.

It was with this in mind that in yesterday's column we ventured to advocate a meeting of the Big Four chiefs of state to see if amity can't be restored.

## Church Being Made From Adair Chapel

Dallas—Contract to rebuild a Camp Adair chapel into a Trinity Lutheran church in Dallas was let this week by the congregation to Charles Wiedeman of Dallas.

## Workers for Cancer Fund Meet Monday

Workers for the cancer campaign, county chairman and assistants will meet at the home of Mrs. Homer Smith, Jr., 985 South High street at 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, to receive pertinent data concerning the campaign.

## Rink and Dancing Pavilion Wanted

Lebanon—A request has been addressed to the city council by W. B. Holbrook for a lease on city owned property at East Grant and Hiatt streets for construction of a skating rink and dance pavilion. He proposes a building 65x140 feet where he will continue to operate the skating rink now housed in the old army building.



Site of Bellepass, Presbyterian center of piety and culture in pioneer times, is marked by this plaque attached to a boulder in a filling station yard about a mile south of Woodburn. Ninety years ago Bellepass library contained 700 volumes, largest, perhaps, in Territorial Oregon, and her Washington Literary Society forbade attendance by women. Samuel H. Brown's home (lower right) built by wealth acquired in California gold mines, is an outstanding example of the best in Oregon's pioneer architecture. Keil colony homes (upper right) are relics of an experiment in religious communism practiced by idealists who settled at Aurora 90 years ago.



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## Snell Appoints Wheat Group

Membership of the new Oregon wheat commission, created by house bill 176 of the 1947 legislature, was announced by Gov. Earl Snell today.

The members are: Jens Terjesen, Pendleton, 5-year term; Marion T. Weatherford, Arlington, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, 4-year term; and Millard Eakin, Grass Valley, 3-year term; all of them representing the Columbia basin counties; Ralph McEwen, Jr., eastern Oregon; and William Encheche, Hillsboro, one year term, representing western Oregon. Under the terms of the bill, subsequent appointments will be for 5 years. The commission, charged with finding and developing new wheat markets and conducting research in wheat uses, will be financed by a tax of one-half cent per bushel on wheat grown and marketed in Oregon.

## Mayor Appeals For Cancer Drive

Mayor R. L. Elstrom has issued the following appeal for public cooperation in the drive for funds to combat cancer:

"Through the war years just past Salem residents have responded patriotically to every request for aid, whether in form of money or service or both. Now we are engaged in a battle against an enemy as deadly as any we have known as we attempt to stamp out the ravages of cancer.

"No matter how pleasant our climate, how thriving our business, how clean our streets or how beautiful our homes, neither Salem nor any other city can alone drive out this disease which caused one out of every death in Marion county last year. To win over cancer, there must be research, there must be more trained persons, there must be education and equipment. For these the money we are contributing this month will go.

"I am glad to ask Salem residents to join in this worthy work and I am proud of the response I know the campaign for cancer funds will find here."

## Veteran Mail Man Quitting Woodburn

Woodburn—Lloyd Harader, who has served as rural carrier at the Woodburn post office for about 27 years, is leaving Tuesday, April 15, to take a rural route out of Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Harader will live at The Dailies. Clyde Smith will replace Harader as carrier on rural route 1, Woodburn.

## Gill Speaks To Hoopers

Coach "Slats" Gill offered no alibi for Oregon State's loss to the University of Oklahoma a few weeks ago in Kansas City when the two clubs battled for the privilege of representing the west in the national collegiate basketball championship as he addressed the Salem Dads' club banquet at the high school Friday night. Instead he gave full credit to the "Sooners" for playing 40 minutes of excellent basketball and praised Center Tucker as being one of the best men he had seen during the season.

Coach Gill said he could find no fault with the giving of scholarships to promising young athletes any more than he could to the plan of assisting outstanding students in a similar manner. He added, however, that the occasional boy who took advantage of the scholarship soon "washed himself" out of the picture.

Low Beck, who with Cliff Crandall, represented the Beaver ball club Friday night, has been invited to play with the Phillips Oilers, top notch AAU quint, Gill revealed. He spoke with considerable feeling concerning Hec Edmondson, veteran Washington cage coach, who resigned at the close of the recent season. Gill attended a meeting of the WSC "Tiger club" in Seattle Thursday night where Edmondson shared the spotlight with the Beaver court director.

Teams and coaches who were honor guests Friday night included: Leslie, Bob Keuscher; Parrish, Bob Metzger; Salem high Sophs, Elroy Jensen; Salem high Jayvees, Loren Mort; Salem high Vikings, Harold Hauk; Sacred Heart Academy, Ollie Williams; Willamette university, Walter Erickson, and Page Woolens, Harry Mason.

Clair Brown of the Dads' club presided.

Brazil grows about two-thirds of the world's coffee.

## Earl Elliott Named Linn County Judge

Earl Elliott of Albany has been appointed by Gov. Earl Snell as county judge pro tem for Linn county, effective June 1, to serve during the illness of Judge E. G. Arnold.

## Goshen Bridge Repaired

Two-way traffic was reopened today on the Willamette highway near Goshen as bridge repairs, which had necessitated one-way travel for several weeks, were completed. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, reports.

There are six metals in the platinum group; platinum, iridium, osmium, palladium, rhodium and ruthenium.

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