

The Silver Lining

Advocates of daylight saving time for Oregon, in the event that our sister state to the north follows in the footsteps of our sister in the south in order to best serve the public's interest by setting their clocks ahead one hour tomorrow night, have been given a perfect out by Governor Hall.

Even though expressing his own preference for daylight saving and reflecting a strong sentiment in favor of the plan among officials of other Oregon cities, Governor Hall has already committed himself to the well-grounded legal position that the only way to make daylight saving effective generally and uniformly throughout the state would be by legislative act alone. A crazy quilt, patchwork pattern of cities and towns operating a checkerboard control over hydro-electric energy for light and power is the best system that could be expected to be devised out of present home rule laws.

Sentiment favorable to the plan which would add an hour of daylight, while not so popular among farmers, is surprisingly strong among individuals interviewed at random by roving reporters and sidewalk radio interviewers. The absurdity of seeking adoption of such a hodge-podge, makeshift was so evident from the start as to be promptly dismissed from serious consideration until someone suggested that the governor call a special session of the lawmakers to set up a uniform program for adding an hour of daylight to the twilight end of the day without public constraint as to the uses to which the time could be put.

Such a scheme for adding an hour of daylight legally to every village and hamlet, woodlot or field did not sound so alarming when it was first mentioned, even with the political sounding board it would provide for self-starting candidates for public office during the primary campaign. That was before the gubernatorial republican primary developed into a four-cornered, cutthroat competition between Governor Hall and State Senator Douglas McKay as the contesting principals backed up by John Peyton, whose liberalism dovetails in with that of the executive, and Leslie M. Scott, whose ultra-conservatism is reflected by Senator McKay.

Communist Pattern for Aggression

The World Report section of the United States News contains a pictograph of the ten steps of the communist technique in Europe as reported from Prague, Paris and Rome, utilized in the Balkans and Baltics.

It starts with local communists, usually a fifth column led by men trained in Russia and depicts step by step the methods utilized to take control of Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and the squeeze on Finland with Italy and France next on the list.

In Finland the preliminaries are over. The demand for the proposed military and economic pact completes the pattern. If the Finns balk the next step will be for local communists to upset the government and take control with the help of Russia—as in Czechoslovakia. The ground work has been laid in Italy and France for the big attempt to take over. The Reds are in key labor unions, the farming groups, the schools and all elements of the population.

The following are the ten steps of the graph:

- First Step: Build up "fifth column," winning members for party in labor unions, colleges, left-wing groups, government departments, the publishing field.
- Second Step: Launch propaganda campaign, favoring poor people, factory workers, minorities, Russia, and opposing "big business," "reactionaries," "warmongers."
- Third Step: Get party members elected to key offices in labor unions and left-wing groups; when necessary, let opposing faction split off, label it right-wing.
- Fourth Step: Elect communists to parliament on platform of wide popular appeal, stressing higher wages, lower prices, social security, civil rights, world peace.
- Fifth Step: Form "popular front" in parliament, through alliance with socialists, social democrats, or other left-wing parties to go along.
- Sixth Step: Obtain key places in government, seeking to control first the police, then public information, later army, foreign policy and finance.
- Seventh Step: Uncover "plots against the people" as a means to discredit opposing parties; use communist-controlled police to seize or threaten opposition leaders.
- Eighth Step: Carry out orders of high Soviet official, sent in at psychological moment in direct strategy and drive home idea communists are backed by Russian power.
- Ninth Step: Push for full control of government, using threats of general strike, civil war or "protection" by nearby Russian troops to paralyze opposition.
- Tenth Step: Complete grip on government by purging anti-communist parties and officeholders, taking over press and radio, and nationalizing industries.

FILM CAPITAL

Dream House Project Ends With King-Sized Nightmare

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

Hollywood—Producer David Selznick, who knows from nothing about a T-square, plunged into the "dream house" business to publicize his latest epic and wound up with a king-size nightmare that'll keep him from dreaming for a long time.



Virginia MacPherson

Selznick thought it would be nice to make dream houses available to all. He would have blue-prints drawn up and get carpenters and interior decorators in 100 major cities to work on duplicates.

It had all kinds of possibilities. Builders on a budget could save architects' fees. And the RKO picture, "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," would get a million bucks worth of free publicity.

But the thing started to backfire when RKO hired five architects and two draftsmen to draw up this dream cottage.

What happened next was enough to keep Contractor Selznick awake nights. All seven experts came from seven different sections of the U.S. Albert d'Agostino, supervising art director at RKO, is a New Yorker. He held out for Early American. Architects Carroll Clark and Ralph Ber-

ger are Californians. They had Colonial and Modern in mind. Field Gray, a Texan, insisted on open patios and outdoor dining rooms. John Kibbey, draftsman from Massachusetts with sea spray in his eyes, was all for a New England style cottage.

Charles Pyke wanted something fancier in architectural niceties. He's from Pennsylvania. And Eugene Evans, a Colorado son, couldn't see anything but rural ranches.

Selznick, who makes movies and millions with no apparent strain, wasn't much help, either. It had to be cool enough for Dixie. And snug enough for eastern blizzards. And hooked together to hold up in a California earthquake.

Last we heard, everybody was working on a corner of Selznick's dream house. In seven different styles. The shape'll be New England, with southern Colonial doors and windows. The breakfast room and kitchen are Modern.

The man from Colorado was still unhappy. So they stuck a fence around the thing and pre-Selznick's getting his dream house, all right. From the sound of it, we don't think it'll put many architects out of business.

BY BECK

Popular People



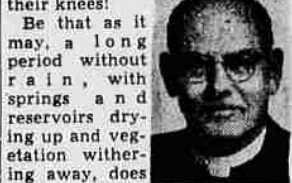
THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Drought in California May Be Blessing in Disguise

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

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We have been reading in the papers that Californians, who for so many years have joked about Oregon rain, are now praying for rain! The drought down there may be a blessing after all, for it apparently has those people on their knees!



Rev. Geo. H. Swift

Be that as it may, a long period without rain, with springs and reservoirs drying up and vegetation withering away, does jolt us into a realization of our absolute dependence on forces beyond our control. It should bring people to their knees, for without water for even a few days, the whole human race could perish from the earth.

Speaking of water, it is mentioned in the Bible more frequently than any other substance. It was revered as a divine gift by early peoples—we should not forget that water is still a divine gift today. Taken symbolically, water became the symbol of cleansing and purification for ancient cults. Pontius Pilate used water symbolically when he washed his hands before the multitude saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person."

Water is the substance used in Christian baptism as the outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual cleansing. Water is so available with our modern distribution system and kitchen faucets that it is easy to forget how dependent we are upon it. So it is with the air we breathe and the numberless other things without which we could not live. Their very abundance has tended to make us thoughtless, thankless and irreverent. This is also true of religion in a free country.

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WORLD OF TOMORROW

Things to Come Will Be Interesting Yet Dangerous

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington—The world of tomorrow will be interesting—and at the same time dangerous.

It will be exciting because of the new gimmicks science is



Harman Nichols

cooking up. One will sizzle a steak "medium-well" in 10 seconds; "well-done" in 15. Another, an electronic dust collector, will suck in 99 percent of the dust, lint and pollen in the whole house. Mama won't have to swing the dust rag more'n once a month. She won't have to wash the curtains but once a year. White ones, even.

The dust collector, science says, also will sound the death knell of the common cold, since while it is snuffling in all of the dust it will snuff out all of the stray germs at the same time.

In the future, the lights will go on in a room as soon as you cross the threshold, and flick off automatically when you go out. No hands. Modern man is too busy to go around pushing buttons.

It'll soon be possible for one family to sit at home and do the baby sitting for the whole neighborhood, thanks to a little gadget that operates on the principle of the inter-office communication system.

The kids down the block get into a pillow fight and on goes a light in the sitter's home, telling which house the scrap is in. All of the dope except the name of the kid who started it. That may come later.

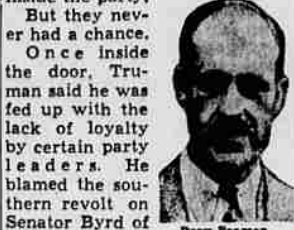
The mechanical "sitter" is so smart that it even picks up the babies' breathing, so that if one of them breaks out with the croup, the daddy in the sitter family can put on his rubbers and run over with an inhaler, and a hot water bottle. Before long, you'll be able to

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Truman 'Shoots From Hip' In Announcing Candidacy

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington—The president of the United States was blazing mad and shooting from the hip when Democratic Chairman Howard McGrath and Executive Director Gael Sullivan went in to see him earlier this week. They had expected to have a quiet talk over political conditions and warn Truman of growing revolt inside the party.



Drew Pearson

But they never had a chance. Once inside the door, Truman said he was fed up with the lack of loyalty by certain party leaders. He blamed the southern revolt on Senator Byrd of Virginia and described Byrd as the "finest republican in the democratic party."

The two callers almost gasped at the vehemence of the tirade. The president said he wanted his candidacy announced at once. He wasn't going to wait until the meeting of the democratic executive committee scheduled for later in the week.

He said, indicating that he didn't want to have it appear that he had waited for them to ask him to run.

Turning to Matt Connelly, his secretary, who was in the room with McGrath and Sullivan, he asked his advice on the form of the announcement. Connelly suggested that McGrath announce it to reporters when they asked him what he had talked to the president about.

"Suppose they don't ask me," suggested McGrath.

"Even if they don't ask, you go ahead and announce it," insisted Truman.

Truman also leveled a blast at the "no-good Communist Drew Pearson" and congratulated McGrath for having issued a statement denying a Pearson report that he, McGrath, would like to resign as national chairman.

"It was the best thing you ever did," encouraged the president, adding that McGrath should issue a second blast

against Pearson. (McGrath did so at 11:15 that night.)

By this time, the president had quieted down somewhat, and McGrath had a chance to get in a word about Palestine.

"Come over here, Howard," replied the president, motioning to a big globe.

He pointed to a line on the map where the U. S. Army had built a railroad north from the Gulf of Persia and explained that the Russians were out to get this rail line plus all of the Arab oil regions and the eastern Mediterranean. At one time, Truman added, he thought he had the Palestine problem all settled, then things turned out differently.

"While I was in Florida I put a lot of time in on this," the president said, adding that he expected to come up with something right away.

Reaching into the third drawer of his desk, the president took out a copy of the Palestine report prepared in part by Bartley Crum of San Francisco who visited the near east with the Anglo-American commission.

"That's my Bible," said Mr. Truman.

He explained that he thought he had British Foreign Minister Bevin persuaded to put the Crum ideas on Palestine into effect, but that Bevin had backed out.

Note—The Anglo-American commission, which Truman referred to as the "Crum Report," recommended a trusteeship for Palestine under the United Nations and urged that Britain continue its mandate until the trusteeship could be set up. It opposed any separate Jewish or Arab state, warning that such division would cause worldwide disorders. The report also asked for the immigration of 100,000 Jews into Palestine immediately, but urged that other countries also open their doors, since Palestine would not be able to hold all Jewish refugees.

McGrath had intended talking to Truman about a vice-presidential running mate, and planned to suggest Senator Lister Hill of Alabama. He thought a Southerner on the ticket would win back the South, and that Hill would also be liberal enough to suit the North.

Knocked off base by the vehemence of the president's tirade, however, McGrath forgot all about mentioning Hill's name.

At a closed meeting of the house expenditures committee the other day, Ohio's congressman, Clarence Brown, a power in Republican circles, erupted with indignation.

"The military," he exploded, "has put over a colossal propaganda program on the American people, and caused some people to get unduly excited over universal military training."

He urged his colleagues to back up a subcommittee report by Congressman Forest Harness, Indiana republican, condemning the army's propaganda activities.

"Obviously," urged Brown, "these military people are high-pressure universal military training in order to keep their jobs. It is not the proper approach to preparedness, and they know it. So that they can hang on to their power and authority, they are willing to have the government pay for false military security."

Massachusetts' John McCormack, Democratic whip, took issue with Brown over the necessity of military training, but kept tongue-in-cheek over the army's lobbying. The report presented such a clearcut case of army lobbying, that Expenditures Chairman Clare Hoffman of Michigan wanted to usurp the report from Subcommittee Chairman Harness and report it to the house himself.

Harness, who wanted to present the report without submitting it to the full committee, got Congressman James Wadsworth, New York Republican, to offer a motion giving him that right. But Hoffman angrily objected, and the committee backed him up.

So Hoffman now will get the publicity.

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Grandma 'Traps' Papa

Los Angeles, March 13 (AP)—Mrs. Katherine Devin, 66 and a grandmother, was granted a divorce after telling the judge her husband kept dates with another grandmother, one with seven grandchildren.

She related in superior court yesterday how she "listened in" over an extension on a telephone conversation between her husband, Walter, 51, and the other woman, referred to in testimony only as "Aima."

She said she heard her husband say: "Kit hasn't caught on yet." Then Mrs. Devin added, she cut in and said: "You're mistaken, I have caught on."

Mrs. Devin testified that in November, 1946, her husband told her he was going to San Diego on a fishing trip. She learned, she said, he went to San Diego with the other woman.

The Devins were married 27 years.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

New Union of Western Nations Seen in Offing

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

Britain, France and the Benelux nations (Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg) in a remarkably short time have reached agreement at Brussels on a 50-year treaty for political, economic and military co-operation to counter Communist aggression.

Urgency had been thrust upon the conference by the Bolshevik rape of Czechoslovakia and the further threats to Finland and Italy.

It is a momentous and far-reaching development which, when formally ratified by the governments concerned, is likely to play a major role in the crisis that has grown out of the battle between communism and democracy.

The other states registered in the Marshall plan are to be invited to join these five—which include four of the world's greatest colonial powers — to form a union of western Europe. Several already have indicated a desire to participate and we may hear from the rest shortly, since the 16 Marshall plan countries are scheduled to meet in Paris Monday to discuss the program.

Back of this sensational Brussels agreement has been the hope that the United States will promise military aid against aggression. Thus far there has been no announcement from Washington on this point.

We do know, however, that a western European union has the blessings of America, and that talk about military aid from the U.S.A. hasn't been discouraged. In fact after yesterday's cabinet meeting in Washington Secretary of Labor Schwelbensch told reporters that the western alliance was brought up during

the discussion. However, America's policy has been not to decide her exact attitude until it is clear what sort of support the nations in the western union desire.

Along with the Brussels agreement has come a striking announcement from Holland — perhaps coincidental or possibly impelled by the success of the conference. The Dutch government states that 23,000 men are to be added to the police forces to safeguard public security. The government is to combat extremist activities from any quarter. Minister of Justice Marsveen says that the fate of Czechoslovakia speeded the Dutch government's decision.

So far as one can foresee, the next great emergency which the democracies will have to meet in Europe will come with the Italian election in April. The Reds have made it quite clear that they intend to gain control of this strategic country by hook or by crook. They apparently hope that they may gain sufficient strength in the election to dominate the situation. However, there are many indications that they also are getting set to use strong arm methods if the voting goes against them.

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OPEN FORUM

Community Center Plan

(Editor's Note: Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer)

To the Editor: I wonder if the City club of Portland would favor a plan by which communities throughout Multnomah county may tax themselves for the building of community houses?

This form of legislation could be the outgrowth of a heavy demand for such centers and a lack of funds with which to construct them. More than 25 sections could ask for community centers at a total cost of around \$3,000,000. The city has no such money lying around not in use.

The plan to permit communities to build centers out of local taxes has both good and bad points. Certainly it is desirable to expand our facilities for wholesome recreation and to provide more places for community gatherings of many kinds. Portland has all too few such places. To some extent it is good for people to tax themselves for benefits near at hand. It helps them to realize that governmental benefits must be paid for in some way.

Such a plan could be so equalized throughout the county and city, and be made to

work at a deterrent to crime and delinquency. The plan could be made workable so as to help all those communities who need help most.

If the above plan is carried through, it would impose upon the city and county governments special obligations to see that funds collected from all communities are used to provide centers for underprivileged areas.

It is possible for city and county officials and leaders of the City club to get together and in a friendly way iron out all difference. In this way, they come to know each other better and think of each other in the proper way. People cannot be legislated or forced into becoming good, law abiding citizens.

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