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McKay's Stand on a CVA Debate

Months ago Governor McKay made his position clear on a Columbia Valley Administration.

Then in his appearance before the public works committee in congress in June, McKay drew the line between representative control and corporation control (CVA) of development of the Pacific Northwest. He was outspokenly in favor of "development of our region to be carried forward within the successful pattern of representative government" instead of being "taken over by a new device of government which is dangerously similar to the devices of the totalitarian state."

This stand on the part of McKay was expressed "as a citizen of the United States who holds a deep and abiding faith in the American system of government." His position as governor of the state certainly added weight and prestige to his remarks.

Now comes Senator Flegel of Multnomah county, a democrat, who challenges McKay to debate the issue of a CVA. The governor declined the challenge on the basis of his position already being well known on the subject and the press of administrative work leaving him no time for such debate.

The idea of debating the issue of a valley administration is a good one. If the challenge were one by the Multnomah county senator to Douglas McKay, senator from Marion county, that would have called for an acceptance on the part of McKay—from one senator to another. But now that McKay is governor, his answer to Flegel in declining holds up under scrutiny.

There are two possible alternatives. The governor could designate a republican senator to join Flegel on a debate platform. Or, when candidate McKay runs for re-election against the possible candidacy of Flegel, then a debate between the two could be in order on an issue which could well fall into a battle of parties expressing, at the moment, two different philosophies of government.

It would be hoped, however, that the debate would be more informative than was the debate in Oregon early last year between Harold Stassen and Thomas E. Dewey, the republican presidential contenders. That debate became a vehicle for Dewey to outmaneuver Stassen.

The issue of the best way in which to develop the Pacific Northwest is of great importance to the region. If a debate would bring out to the people of the region the difference in approach between the McKay and Flegel views of development, then a debate could be beneficial.

But while the governor is in his position as governor, he should turn down the challenge for himself. He has state business to take care of. He shouldn't turn it down, though, for his party of which he is the titular head. Nor could he turn it down very well as a candidate for re-election.

An Anonymous Smear Traced

Promptly following his admission that he was the author of an anonymous letter, implying that the airforce's B-36 super-bomber program was a billion dollar lemon foisted on the taxpayers, Secretary of the Navy Francis Mathews announced the suspension "pending further investigation" of Cedric R. Worth, special assistant to Undersecretary of the Navy Dan Kimball.

The anonymous memo had formed the basis for the charge that the B-36 program resulted from political connivance between Louis A. Johnson, now secretary of defense, Floyd Odium, financier and head of the Atlas corporation controlling the Consolidated Vultee corporation making the B-36 and Air Secretary Symington, who it hinted, was to resign and head the latter company.

The charges were seized upon and publicized by navy propagandists and caused a congressional investigation which has turned up testimony favorable to the B-36 as an extremely potent weapon and showed the anonymous accusations unfounded. Those accused have roundly denounced the Worth charges and the investigators have concluded that the charges were a dud.

Worth said his only motive in preparing the memo was that he was greatly concerned and "concluded that the defenses of the country were going into the wrong direction and were being weakened by propaganda that is not true."

Probably many of the alleged capital scandals publicized by sensational key-hole columnists have no more foundation than this B-36 smear, but what passes understanding is why navy brass paid any attention to an anonymous communication even though it was grasping at straws right down their alley. There is only one place for anonymous communications of any kind and that is the waste basket.

Youth Pays a Premium

High accident figures for auto drivers under 25 years of age as compared with their elders has caused the New York state insurance department to put into effect an increase in insurance premiums of 15 percent in New York City and 20 percent elsewhere in the state in those cases where one or more drivers in the family are less than 25 years old.

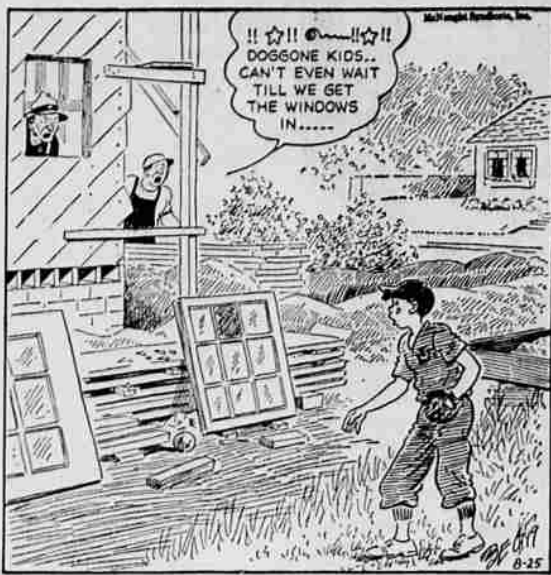
Oregon traffic accident statistics have not been published for 1948 but those for 1947, as compiled by the secretary of state's traffic safety division, states:

"Heaviest contributors to the over-all accident toll in 1947 were drivers between 30 and 39 years of age, with the 19 to 24-year-olds close behind. The curve falls off sharply for each succeeding age group. These facts would be more significant if the amount of driving done by each age group could be known. No accurate figures are available, but if the 10-year span between 30 and 39 is the most active driving period, the record is not out of line. The accidents of teen age are likely to be more fatal than those of any other age group. Although this latter group did not have as many accidents as the 30-39-year group they had a higher percentage of fatalities and are more likely to be involved in death crashes which accounts for raises in insurance rates."

The Oregon charts show that the percentage of fatal accidents is largest between 15 and 18-year-old drivers with an average of 6 percent of deaths, dropping gradually down to less than 4 percent for 25-29 year drivers, falling down to those least likely to be fatal 50-64 years, then rising in old age in fatalities but far fewer accidents. All this emphasizes the necessity for better training for young drivers, both in the classroom and at the wheel, so that youth can be thoroughly grounded in the fundamentals of safe and responsible car operation.

BY BECK

Impatient Youth

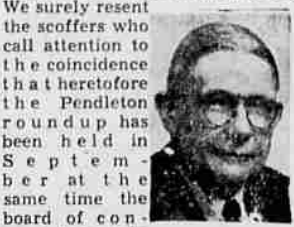


SIPS FOR SUPPER

Mystery in Timing

By DON UPJOHN

Members of the state board of control, the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, suddenly took a notion to make a trip to Pendleton to carry out their periodical inspection of the state hospital there. Heretofore they've always made the trip in September but this year plans were changed for this late August visit.



We surely resent the scammers who call attention to the coincidence that heretofore the Pendleton roundup has been held in September at the same time the board of control has made its previous trips and that this year the roundup has been moved to August and for some reason or other this jibes in identically with the board of control's yen to look over the state hospital.

Of course, when the boys get up there and have looked over the state hospital if they happen to notice when passing through town posters advertising the Pendleton roundup they could not be blamed too much for stopping in and having a peek. No doubt, as they do pass through town, Doug will turn to the other boys and say, as he sights one of the posters, "Imagine that, the roundup is going on, what you say after we drop in on it." And for once, we betcha, the board reaches a unanimous decision without argument. But after all, it might be more politic every year for the board to announce it's going to take in the Pendleton roundup and while there planned a

side trip to make its inspection of the hospital. This their constituents could understand.

The Active Drummer
Los Angeles (AP)—Between February, 1943, and October, 1948, John Edward Monroe, 34, engaged in 68 visits with 11 women in 12 cities in five different countries, his wife charges. She wants a divorce. The romances, began at Edgartown, Mass., and continued on through Belleview, Fla., Sydney, Australia; Manila, P. I.; Kyoto and Wakayama, Japan; Escondido, Baja, Calif.; Long Beach, Santa Monica, and Los Angeles, Calif., and Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Nella Marie Monroe, 29, said in a complaint filed yesterday, Monroe, she added, is a traveling salesman.

Men will stop at no limits to try to make a sucker out of the poor fish they angle for. We noted in the window over at Howard Maple's place this a.m. a new type of a lure—a beautiful carved out mermaid—without a sweater—but equipped with the necessary hooks. Inside they had quite a collection of these of different types, sizes, etc., blonds, brunettes, et cetera. This looks like something no salmon could resist. It should be a big year in the derby.

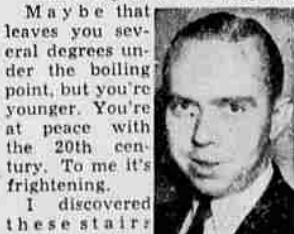
And there should be quite a preponderance of men salmon to take in the catch.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Stairway at 15,000 Feet Too Much for Old Duffer

By ED CREAM

New York, Aug. 25 (AP)—Run along, kiddies. Don't wait for grandpa. I've just been trotting up and down stairs at a height of 15,000 feet, and my head is still in the clouds. Trotting up and down—? That's right, in an airplane. Stairs in an airplane.



"Sure, this job is a double-decker. You get tired of riding up here, go downstairs and maybe get into a gin-rummy game. Come on."

I followed him, feeling light-headed. And it wasn't because of the altitude.

Sure enough, there were stairs. Like in a house. We went down slowly. I don't know why, but it gave me an Arabian nights feeling. As though the living room rug at home suddenly floated out the window.

"See you later, Wally," I said, and went back upstairs. I stood at the top for a while, scratching my neck. Then I went below again, counting the stairs. There were 11.

"Imagine," I said, trying to keep it casual. "Stairs in an airplane. Gives you a feeling of spaciousness. Makes you—" "Easy, pal," Wally said. "Why don't you go forward and talk with the automatic pilot?"

I did. I also inspected the pressurizer, which was giving my eardrums that sea-level feeling. It was no use. I went back and re-examined those stairs, antique leather finish and all. "It's spooky," I complained. "It's like a djinn materializing from a djinn bottle. It..."

"What you need," Wally said, "is to sit down, adjust your safety belt, and put out that opium pipe, kid. We're landing. Think you can make it?"

Well, I'm back in the office now, loaded down with facts and figures about a certain type of plane operated by a certain airline. But I can't get those stairs out of my head.

Stairs in an airplane—who ever hear of such a thing? What next? Escalators?

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

CIO 'Leftie' Unions Plan Walk-Out of Organization

(Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen).

By ROBERT S. ALLEN

Washington—An extraordinary backstage scramble is taking place within the Congress of Industrial Organizations. While the anti-communist Phil Murray leadership is preparing to boot out the leftist unions at the CIO's Cleveland convention, the latter are racing to beat this move to the punch with a



Robert S. Allen

walk-out of their own. The "lefties" have called a meeting in New York on August 30.

Inside word is they will stage a bolt and proclaim the establishment of a national labor organization of their own. Informed sources say this is the new communist party line.

Call for this powwow is issued by the following: United Electrical Workers, Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers; United Public Workers; United Furniture Workers; United Packinghouse Workers; United Fur Workers.

Significantly not in this list is the International Longshoremen's union, headed by Harry Bridges.

Although the leading CIO leftist, Bridges can not take his union out of the CIO. An attempt would split it wide open. He is already under powerful attack within the organization. However, it is reliably reported that Bridges had a leading hand in the decision that convened the leftist meeting. If he doesn't show up personally, he is certain to play a decisive role behind-the-scenes. He is the No. 1 choice to head their new leftist labor organization.

Meanwhile, Murray and his anti-communist leaders are setting the stage for a clean break with the "lefties" at the Cleveland convention. Regardless of what the latter do at their August 30 meeting, the CIO chiefs intend to purge their rolls in Cleveland.

RHAPSODY

Arkansas and Alabama aren't sure they haven't grounds to be miffed at Rep. Frank Boykin. The rotund Alabamian became excitedly lyrical when he met Arkansas' gorgeous entry to the "Miss America" contest, Rep. Brooks Hays (D. Ark.), introduced the young lady to Boykin at lunch.

"Honey," he rhapsodized, "you couldn't be from Arkansas. You are so beautiful you must have come from heaven."

BIG TIPPERS

For months Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R., N.J.), awaiting trial on kickback charges, was a patient at the army's Walter Reed hospital. With the exception of a \$1-a-day charge for meals, Thomas' two major operations and other extensive medical care were free. Taxpayers footed the bill.

Recently he was released from the hospital. It is the custom for civilian patients, upon leaving, to give their attendants a bank note as a token of appreciation for their care. Thomas observed this tradition—after a fashion.

Year's Ice Cream Supply as Prize

OLYMPIA (AP)—Olympia youngsters were scrambling today after horses to enter in the city's annual dog, doll and pet parade Friday.

A local ice creamery announced today it will award a year's free supply of ice cream cones to the person entering the parade's largest horse.

NO PLACE BUT IN HOLLYWOOD

Beautiful Assembly Line To Mend Broken Hearts

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood, Aug. 25 (AP)—In movieland, where everything is the world's biggest, best and busiest, we now have the world's most beautiful assembly line.

A camera manufacturer is hiring 50 left-over actresses to put nuts and bolts together, and he's selecting them as carefully as if he were picking the Goldwyn girls.

This is the biggest break since chorus lines for the "National Artichoke Queens" and the "Miss Schenectady of 1942" who clutter up casting offices. "Dozens of them—and 'nice' girls—are so broke after a few heart-breaking months in Hollywood they don't know where their next nylons are coming from.

The assembly line where the beauties labor is almost as plush as Ciro's restaurant. There are lounges, vanity tables, music and refreshments. And the promised prospect of modeling in ads with the Tynar camera they assemble will keep them looking like they were ready for a date with Gable.

There'll be 70 pop-eyed men in the plant too, but Connie doesn't think he'll have to issue blinders.

"Most foremen figure a pretty girl keeps a man's mind off his work," he said. "With 50 pretty girls around, I think the men will get so used to them they won't be any more exciting than a drill press."

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



Send your "Odds" questions on any subject to "The Wizard of Odds," care of the Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Reynaud Calls on Europe To Give Up Sovereignties

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Over in Strasbourg, France, seat of the new council of Europe, idealists continue to urge that the 12 constituent nations join in forming a United States in which the members would sacrifice much of their sovereignty to the general welfare.

At long last this Utopian idea of the past century shows signs of at least partial fruition.

Like many other great developments, the current activity has its genesis—economic, political and military—which can only be met by concerted action.

The latest exponent of this extreme proposal, former French Premier Paul Reynaud, ranks internationally as a major prophet. More often than most, during the Hitlerian menace, he foresaw the future.

Now he calls for western unity to meet impending crisis.

Speaking Tuesday on the grave European economic situation before the consultative assembly of the council, Reynaud advocated a real European legislature, directly elected by the peoples of the member nations.

He declared that only in this way would the assembly acquire authority to merge European economies into the single continental market, with one currency, which he maintains is demanded if Europe is to survive between America and Russia.

"Between these two giants," he said, "there is a place for a unified Europe, but not for a mosaic of independent states."

"The road we are following," he asserted at another place, "is a dead-end street. It comes to an end in 1952." (The Marshall plan is scheduled to terminate then).

It was about that time, while he was finance minister, that I had a long talk with him in Paris. We covered a lot of ground, and at one point I asked him what he thought of America's tendency to confine its activities to the western hemisphere.

He replied: "There was a time when England thought she was an island. I wanted for more, and when it didn't come I inquired if that was his complete answer. He grinned and said: 'That's my answer.'"

'Snoopy,' the Heifer, Is Lonesome in the Silo

Osceola, Wis., Aug. 25 (AP)—"Snoopy," a 1 1/2-year-old heifer who lived up to her name, was 12 feet underground today after diving through the narrow door of Farmer Everett Lampan's silo.

The young Holstein was not injured when she squeezed through the door, 21 inches wide and 26 inches high, and fell to the base of the silo.

Lampan believed he had solved the problem of getting her out, however. Within the next couple of days, he will start piling silage over "Snoopy." He thinks she will "raise" along with the silage level until she can be pushed through the door.

Snoopy was not very content with her new quarters, Lampan's wife, Leota, said.

"She's mooring and I think she's lonesome for the rest of the cows," Mrs. Lampan said.

She said the 600-pound black and white heifer imprisoned herself Wednesday morning as Lampan and his son, Duane, 15, tried to drive her into the barn.

Circus Puts on Breath-Taking Show That Is Too Breath-Taking

Emundston, N. B., Aug. 25 (AP)—The Dailey Brothers Circus put on a truly breath-taking performance here when one of its lions broke loose and roamed among the 4,000 spectators.

The lion escaped from the chute leading from its cage to the ring. Officials immediately appealed to spectators to remain in their seats and avoid a panic.

The crowd obeyed, sitting in absolute silence for 15 minutes until Tiger Bell Snyder, a member of the circus' wild west show, assoed the animal.

One Father Won't Get Chance To Go With Soldier to Hawaii

Fort Lewis, Wash., Aug. 25 (AP)—At least one of the fathers of Fort Lewis' multi-thousand soldiers has been withdrawn—probably unwillingly—from the contest to select the winner of an all-expenses-paid trip to Hawaii.

A second division soldier asked that his father, a resident of Omaha, Neb., not be considered for the trip accompanying the troops on this fall's maneuvers. He submitted the following letter in support of his request (names withheld by request):

DEAR BILL:

That hawaiiian maneuver may be a nice trip for you, and I'm glad you can go with your outfit, but I don't want to enter your dad in the contest. I've had enough trouble keeping him at home the last few years without him getting any trip clear over to Hawaii. So you just keep him out of it.

—MOTHER