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Astoria Endorses Salem Priority Plan

Astoria apparently has trouble getting what it feels it
needs in the way of highway improvements. This puts it
in the same fix as Salem—and the other communities of
the state.

What Salem learned only in the past few months,
Astoria is apparently realizing now, too, judging from the
Budget of that city. That newspaper is asking that high-
way needs of the Astoria area be put on a priority basis for
the highway commission's consideration. It is only logical,
when a long list of road jobs is compiled, that the jobs be
put on a priority basis.

When the Baldock traffic plan was submitted in final
form to the highway commission and was approved, this
was the priority list of the needs of the Greater Salem
area:

In the first place, was the new bridge across the Willam-
ette river and the other features of the Baldock traffic
plan. There was no argument about that. Included in that
traffic plan, too, was the by-pass route to the east of the
city.

Second on the list was improvement and widening to
four lanes of the entrance-ways to the city. This request
was aimed specifically at the northern entrance which con-
stitutes a traffic hazard now of almost alarming propor-
tions.

Third on the list was the Mehama-Mill City short-cut to
ease the flow of traffic on the North Santiam highway,
and to make the route less hazardous.

Fourth on the list was improvement of the main high-
way north of Salem. The Capital Journal has preferred
the widening of the present two-lane road to four-lanes
before a new route to tie in with the Wilsonville cut-off is
attempted.

Because the highway commission saw fit at the time to
make only a start on the Baldock plan is no reason for
Salem to forget its highway problems. The congestion
with increasing traffic will make those problems worse—
not better—with passing time. Therefore, a review of the
road needs of the area should be made. Then the priority
list can be presented in its latest form at the next oppor-
tune occasion to the highway commission for consideration.

An Unusual Friendship

To most people, it is strange for President Truman to
offer such warm personal praise for General Eisenhower,
one of the most severe critics of Truman's Fair Deal. For
those who recall the bitter diatribes issued by one political
opponent to another in the old days, these friendly words
of the president for Ike don't fit into the usual political
pattern.

However, this is, apparently, a different kind of a rela-
tionship between two men who represent two such oppos-
ing views in politics.

Eisenhower has carefully avoided having his one-man
crusade against the welfare state labeled as political. He
calls it the expression of a man interested in the future of
his country. He hasn't admitted his politics publicly,
either. In Harry Hopkins' memoirs, edited by Author
Sherwood, Eisenhower is quoted as having told Hopkins
that the Eisenhower family "had always been Republi-
can." Ike later said he had merely mentioned that he sup-
posed that as a typical Kansas family his brothers had
voted Republican most of the time.

The respect Truman has for Eisenhower is one of long
standing. Ike, in his book, "Crusade in Europe," quoted
the president as offering in 1945 to help the general get
whatever he wanted, including "the presidency in 1948."
Leaving aside this friendly personal relationship be-
tween the two men, one can see more clearly as the months
go by that both men have become the ranking leaders of
their particular political thinking. Truman was confirmed
in the leadership of his "welfare state" in last year's elec-
tion. Eisenhower has shown by the wide acceptance of
his recent speeches that he is the leader of the opposition
—those favoring free enterprise and the dignity of the
individual.

In one instance, Truman accepts the leadership of those
of his way of thinking. In the other instance, Eisenhower
shuns the opposition leadership. However, Ike, whether
he likes it or not, has assumed the responsibility of leading
that opposition. Now he cannot rightly refuse such lead-
ership because of his one-man crusade anymore than he
could have refused the call to lead the "Crusade in Europe."
Harry and Ike's friendship is a strange one.

Time to Take a Look

Salem's 27-year-old zoning code is to be overhauled. The
code has been adjusted so much with the great expansion
of business in the community that it's a good time now to
stop to see what the many individual lot adjustments have
done to the overall zoning of the city.

Only Tuesday, for instance, the Salem Woman's club
protested a zone change adjoining the club's property on
North Cottage street. The protest was more directed at
changing of individual lots than one of groups of lots or
blocks. The club said it would have no objection if the
whole immediate area were changed but it did object to
a change of the adjoining lot only.

One of the most debated points before the zoning board
is the request of the Capitol Planning Commission for
action by the Salem zoning group to make secure plans for
expansion of the capitol group northward to D street.

This, too, calls for a new look at the zoning code.
Property owners inside the contemplated capitol zone
proper have a right to get the future of the zone settled,
so they can know what to expect. Any such long-range
action, of course, will call for cooperation of state authori-
ties who must outline a property-buying program so prop-
erty owners will be able to anticipate the policy.

Also within that zone, for instance, apartment houses
are permitted. But what if a large apartment house,
worth a half a million dollars, were constructed? Then
some day the state would have to buy the apartment house
and then tear it down, if the decision is made to block out
the capitol zone north to D street.

These are typical of some of the problems of an out-
grown zoning code.
Commissioner Rosebraugh is acting with good judgment
when he calls for public suggestions on the zoning code.
It is time that a new long-range view be taken of the code
and how it affects the expansion of the city.

BY BECK

What to Do?



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Nuts to Dan

By DON UPJOHN

"Dan" Danielson, the well known real estate, gives us a new
hint as to why he is sure that there's going to be a white Christ-
mas just in case you've let this spring weather fool you and have
put away the overcoats, wristlets, gloves, et cetera. Dan claims
that his observations have shown him the local squirrels are be-
ginning to dig up out of the ground the nuts they cached
away last fall and are carting them into the trees hiding them
in convenient holes, crochets of limbs and places well above
what he says is the prospective snow line. Dan says this
is a sure fire prognostication by the little denizens of nature.
But to this he adds a clincher. He declares that the hyacinths
have popped up their heads already several inches above the
ground. "And," he opines, "no hyacinth is a big enough clump
to do that unless it knows pretty well there'll be a blanket
of snow along to protect it from freezing." We're not so sure
about the squirrels, but his last one sells us on the deal. No wonder
Dan gets along so well as a salesman.



Don Upjohn

Could it be that the vice-presi-
dent got so much favorable pub-
licity from a wedding and honey-
moon that the New York mayor
and the Hollywood star decided
it was time to get in on it while
folks are in the holiday mood
for loving lovers?

Grand Island correspondent
reports geese in reverse flying
north. We put this one down a
few jumps below Dan Daniel-
son's prophecy so as not to dis-
courage him about the squirrels.
Now we'll wait and see whether
a squirrel which is supposed to
be extra smart, is as smart as he
thinks he is, or a goose, that is
supposed to be extra dumb, is as
dumb as folks think she is.
Much as we hate to take sides
against the squirrel our hopes
are all that the geese know what
they're doing.

As far as bird flying is con-
cerned the ducks are flying just
as fast as they can in any di-
rection at any time of day these
days to get away from those lit-
tle pellets and are probably as
smart as any of them in doing so.

And you're going to have to
do some hustling to get that
Christmas shopping done if you
haven't already done it.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Open Letter to Joe Stalin
From Retired 'GI Joe'

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—To Joseph Stalin, care of the Kremlin, USSR.
Dear Joe:

Congratulations, old Tovarich of Wartime, on your happy
anniversary today. You woke up on the longest day of winter
to find yourself 70 years old—the life span allotted to man by
the Bible you studied as a boy.

They tell me it's to be the
biggest birthday party in history,
celebrated by ringing bells and
blowing balloons and by boom-
ing guns, with caviar all
around, and so much vodka on
the house that a man couldn't
drink his share with two straws.
They say you could've had won
more gifts if you'd guessed the
tune on the "Stop the Music"
quiz.

I sure would like to attend
your big hoedown. You Rus-
sians really know how to throw
a party!

The last one I attended was
in 1945 when we linked up with
your boys on the River Elbe. I
was carrying a rifle for Uncle
Sam at the time. We were shy
of caviar and vodka, but we
tanked up on German wine and
traded our rations back and forth.

It was a wonderful time. We
laid aside our guns, your boys
and our boys, and laughed and
drank together on the river's
bank—and nobody was afraid
of anybody. None of us who was
there can ever forget that first
day of full peace and happiness
after the long years of war.

Circumstances being what
they are, I won't be with you in
Moscow today, but I would like
to send you a birthday gift—of
advice.

The advice, Joe, is to stop and
look around.

For a guy only two inches
taller than Napoleon, you've
come a long way. You were
born a poor Georgian boy, Jo-
seph Vissarionovich Djugasvili,
whose father wanted him to be-
come a cobbler and his mother
a priest.

But you yourself chose to be
a revolutionary, and chose as
your party nickname—Stalin,
"Man of Steel." You've lived up
to your nickname.

Your iron will carried you
through seven exiles to Siberia.
You fought your way up through



Hal Boyle

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

American Legion to Send
Christmas Toys to Europe

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Last year, American G.I.'s, spending Christmas
in Germany, raised \$247,000 to bring a brighter Christmas to the
German children of the U. S. zone.

A G.I.'s pay is not munificent, and most of them were spend-
ing rather lonesome Christmases themselves compared to that

at home. How-
ever, they con-
tributed gener-
ously to the
children of men
who once had
been their en-
emies.

This Christ-
mas, the Amer-
ican Legion, led
by far-sighted
Comdr. George
Craig, has
launched an appeal to all Amer-
icans to collect toys one day
after Christmas for the children
of Europe.

Coming as it does from the
veterans who fought the war,
this represents one of the most
significant moves in America.

The Legion is fully aware of
the fact that wars usually come
in 20-year cycles, that the chil-
dren of today can be either our
friends or the enemy soldiers of
tomorrow, and that the time to
prevent war is by building good
will long in advance of crisis.

To this end, the Legion is ask-
ing the nation to cooperate in
collecting toys immediately af-
ter Christmas for shipment to
the kids of Europe, where toys
are scarce this year. A message
from an American child is to be
attached to each toy—which may
start a train of friendships last-
ing for years.

NOTE—The toys will be dis-
tributed by CARE, the non-
profit organization which has
machinery already set up in all
Atlantic Pact countries and some
Iron Curtain countries.

"OPERATION 23"
Here is the inside story on
how Capt. Arleigh A. Burke,
head of the navy's "Operation
23," was passed up for pro-
motion.

Actually, the navy promotion
board approved Burke for pro-
motion to the rank of rear ad-
miral, and Secretary of the
Navy Matthews sent it to the
White House.

However, Matthews talked to
the president by phone later, at
which time Truman said, in ef-
fect:

"I see you have that so-and-so
Burke's name on the list. Take
it off."

So Secretary Matthews had
the board reconvene and pass
over Burke. Then the list was
sent back to the White House.
The promotions are on Truman's
desk right now.

NOTE—Burke's "Operation
23," the special navy propaga-
nda task force, deliberately
flouted all regulations regard-
ing unification and armed ser-
vices cooperation.

RECLAMATION FOR EAST

New York's water shortage
has caused government engi-
neers to survey the water re-
sources of the entire nation to
see whether we are gradually
drying up. The results are re-
assuring regarding the country
in general, but not reassuring
regarding the big cities.

The fact is that the big cities
are draining their reservoirs
faster than the water flows in,
chiefly because people are run-
ning their spigots and factories
are operating their pumps more.
Meanwhile, 95 per cent of our
water runs into the sea un-
used.

Only long-term solution is re-
clamation for the big cities of
the east. New York City, for
instance, must take a lesson
from Los Angeles, which has
stretched an aqueduct 200 miles
to tap the water of the Color-
ado. Manhattan can do the same
by piping water 80 miles from
the Hudson above Poughkeepsie,
at which point the Hudson is
free from salt water. Pumps are
already being installed for that
purpose on the Delaware river,
but they won't be able to keep
up with New York's increasing
water needs.

Elsewhere, engineers are al-
tering the map of the United
States in their quest for water.

They are now exploring ways
of changing the course of the
mighty Columbia river so that
a tributary will flow into
parched Nevada and make the
desert bloom. They are also
building a water network to
catch the melting snows from
the high Sierras and run it
500 miles down California's wa-
ter-starved San Joaquin valley.
Here farmers have sunk their
wells so deep they have reached
"geological waters"—the melted
ice of the glacial age.

In the water-wary west, en-
gineers are even blasting a tun-
nel 13 miles through the con-
tinental divide to catch water
flowing to the Pacific and re-
verse its course to the Atlantic,
irrigating the dry farm lands

Sincerely,
Pvt. G. I. Joe
(Retired to Mister.)

BY CLARE BARNES, JR.

White Collar Zoo



Morning Rush Hour

When in Detroit, Don't Do
As One Would in Chicago

Detroit, Dec. 21 (AP)—Joseph Bicham didn't understand
why he was jailed for turning in a false fire alarm.
All he did, he said, was turn a handle to call a taxi.
"That's what you do in Chicago," he said. "Just pull a
handle."

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Crucial Moment Develops
In Asiatic Political Upheaval

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The over-credulous, who have allowed themselves to be per-
suaded that Chinese communism has no relation to the Moscow
brand, can now disabuse their minds of this much advertised
piece of propaganda.

The presence in Moscow of the Chinese communist leader,
General Mao Tse-Tung, is in itself proof enough of the
China-Russia relationship.

Mao, who fre-
quently has said
that he adores
Stalin, has hot-
footed it for the
red capital as
soon as possible
after clinching his continental
victory over Generalissimo Chi-
ang Kai-Shek's nationalist forces.
There he is being received
with all the honors due one of
the world's powerful leaders.

Indications are that a big deal
is cooking.
An AP dispatch from Moscow
says that a Sino-Soviet friend-
ship pact appears almost a cer-
tainty. The two countries also
are expected to work out trade
and mutual assistance agree-
ments. It is a moment of ex-
treme satisfaction for Russia.

The Moscow newspaper Iz-
vestia, soviet government organ,
editorializing in general terms
about the situation in the orient,
says "American imperialists are
obviously underrating by a very
wide margin the forces of the
people's liberation movement in
Asia."

Maybe, but it strikes me
America is pretty well aware of
what is going forward in that
theatre. It only remains for us
to make our Asiatic policy as
complete as our awareness of the
position.

Of course, China represents
only one phase of this armed-
conflict which is in full swing in
the orient between communism and
democracy. However, it's a vital
phase, and Mao's triumphant visit
to the powers-that-be in Moscow
is an important moment.

However, while we shouldn't
underestimate the importance of
the development, neither should
we overestimate it. Mao is deliv-
ering a very sound military
success to Moscow, but he isn't
delivering political domination
of China's half billion people.

China is far from communized
ideologically, just as it was far
from being completely within
Chiung Kai-Shek's nationalist
fold. Untold millions of China's
people are lowly folk who aren't
politically conscious. They are
interested in an ideology which
fills the stomach. Nobody yet
has given them what they want.

It's seven years ago this
Christmas season that I had a
long talk in Chungking with
General Chou En-Lai, then com-
munist liaison diplomat to Gen-
eralissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's
nationalist government. General
Chou, who now is foreign minis-
ter in General Mao's govern-
ment, tried to impress it on me
that Chinese communists were
agrarians and that their ideol-
ogy had no relation to Moscow.

Well, yes and no. The Chinese
communists who are politically
conscious are of the Moscow
brand. The masses who are in
the territories conquered by the
communist armies may be label-
ed communists but, as previous-
ly remarked, they do their
thinking with their bellies.

Their convictions are in accord
with this practice.
This means that General Mao,
in order to consolidate his vic-
tory, must now rehabilitate war-
raged China. He must give the
people food, clothing and fuel.
He must reduce the taxation
which hangs like a millstone
about the necks of the small
peasant farmers. That calls for
vast outside help, most of which
would have to come from the
western world.

China won't be communized
(if at all) until this rehabilita-
tion has been achieved. That's
why Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
Shek persists in the belief that
he can make a "comeback," and
reclaim the country from the
reds.

So we must conclude that this
is a crucial period in the Chinese
civil strife. It is one of the most
vital in the whole Asiatic polit-
ical upheaval.

Santa's Credit Holds Up

Newport, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—A \$200 check signed by Santa
Claus went through the hands of a meat firm and two banks
before anyone questioned it.

It started with Dom Dommisse asking Willis Bruce, a
grocer here, what he wanted for Christmas. Bruce said \$200,
and Dommisse wrote a check for that amount. He signed it
Santa Claus.

Bruce gave the check to a Swift & Co. salesman, who sent
it on to the firm's Portland office, where Bruce's account was
credited for the payment. Then it cleared through two Port-
land banks and came back to the Bank of Newport, on
which it was drawn.

This bank notified Bruce that they found no Santa Claus
account, and Bruce would have to make good.

Bruce gave the bank \$200. Now he intends to have the
check framed.

Look Sharp Saturday Night

Baltimore, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dear Santa:
It would be a good idea for you to keep a sharp watch
on your sleigh and pack when you come here Saturday
night.

Two of your suits, plus two sets of long white whiskers,
have been stolen from cars here in the past several days.
What's more, someone stripped an outdoor Christmas tree
of all its lights.

Lloyd Kirkley and H. M. Baldwin of St. Michael's, Md.,
told police that Santa suits were taken from their parked
automobiles here.

Kirkley had been planning to take your part at a party.
Yes, Santa, you had better keep a sharp eye on things
while you are in Baltimore.

DADDY'S IN JAIL

But Tots Get Toys Because
There's a Good Man Around

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 21 (AP)—A Santa Claus without whisk-
ers was hurrying today to put the Christmas spirit of good will
into the hearts of a legion of forgotten men.

The requests he filled did not
come from eager children. They
were written by convicts who
filled on Christmas eve.

There benefactor was "Uncle
Dan" Vinson of Oklahoma City
who is determined to find gifts
for kids the regular Santa Claus
forgets each year.

"I don't buy things," he said.
"I just find people who want to
help those who are unfortunate.
I have 25,000 or 35,000 volunteer
helpers in Oklahoma."

This year, he is concentrating
on helping the children of con-
victs. He wrote letters to prison
wardens telling them his plans
and explaining that he learned
about convicts when he built
roads with prison labor.

"Those men love their kids
just like anybody else," he said.
Vinson has received letters from
prisoners in almost every state.
One came from a man who has
been in prison seven years whose
three children "think I'm out
west on a ranch."

"I'd like to send them some
western clothes for Christmas,"
the convict wrote. "I can't tell
them where I am."

A rancher in western Okla-
homa will fill the prisoner's re-
quest—and more.
"The kids will get their out-
fits, and when the man gets out
of jail, he'll have a job on a
ranch," Vinson said. "Then after
a few months he can go home
and tell the truth."

Not all of Uncle Dan's re-
quests come from convicts, how-
ever.
One woman asked for a house