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Salem, Oregon, Tuesday, March 7, 1950

### Attlee Put on Spot

King George IV's speech from the throne opening parliament in London—a speech written as customarily by the new government, promised that all controversial legislation would be pigeonholed during the coming year, as neither the laborites or conservatives want another election in the near future. Prime Minister Attlee immediately fol-lowed with the announcement that labor would stick to the schedule for nationalization of steel, "to give effect to acts passed by parliament," but would not press for other na-tionalizations now.

Winston Churchill immediately put Attlee on the spot with a request for a definite pledge that labor would not take over steel until a date "not later than nine months after the next general election." This offer to labor was a respite from threat of sudden overthrow and to relieve the pressure on the administration forced by an election.

The nationalization bill passed by the last parliament provides that government directors be appointed after October 1, 1950, and that the actual takeover of the steel industry should be accomplished between January 1, 1951, and January 1, 1952.

Churchill's conservatives decided last night to press for nationalization of steel and construction of housing. With labors' precarious majority of seven seats in Commons, its position is precarious for an adverse vote of lack of confidence would force another general election. When the steel nationalization bill was passed, labor had a 148-seat major.

The conservative challenge-which conceivably could bring the government's resignation if successful—was contained in two proposed amendments to the customary government motion for approval of the king's speech which laid down the program yesterday.

One amendment expresses regret that the speech con-One amendment expresses regret that the speech contains no reference to the future of the iron and steel industry. The second amendment scored a "continuing dedline" in house building, criticizing the government program for not including "more effective measures to deal with the situation."

One Salem woman, who view—

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only one impression . . "It stinks!"

Observed by Salem man on recent visit to Portland:

### The Mayor's Off-Street Parking Plan

parking, whether downtown or in shopping areas of the city.

At the Friday meeting of the Retail Trade Bureau, Elfstrom made the first definite contribution offered by any-one yet, to help the downtown parking situation. He sugone yet, to help the downtown parking and the using of a gested the widening of three streets and the using of a most scientists have agreed section of River street next to the Willamette bridge for a that the "monster" is actually a parking lot.

tion to the street widening and the one parking lot. He was speaking both as mayor of the city and as a downtown merchant. He realized the limits he could go as mayor in suggesting downtown improvement, backed by civic co-operation. As a businessman, he was one of those who realized that the off-street parking problem downtown will be licked only when the cooperation of the merchants is brought together in a joint merchant-operated parking-lot program such as followed in other cities.

Elfstrom has offered the merchants the basis for a program that will ease the downtown situation if those merchonce more France and Germany (this time the Bonn govern-ants respond by uniting and supplementing the plan with parking lots of their own. Elfstrom has made the first move as mayor and civic leader. Now the next move is up to the downtown merchants.

Once more France and Germany (this time the Bonn govern-ment of Western Germany) are at loggerheads over the Saar walley—a bone of bitter contention for two centuries.

The Saar, which the Bonn regime claims is German territory, lies up against the French frontier. It is of vast importance for

## **Dust Bowl Returning?**

There seems to be every indication that the plains states est coal areas, are entering into another cycle of dry years which periand (what perodically have followed a series of wet years since settle-ment began and that the "dust bowl" is returning with its widely

Dispatches state that high winds are whipping up dust clouds over thousands of acres of crop land and stripping the soil of its fertile top soil, cutting down visibility, especially in Texas and New Mexico, similar to the "black blizzards" of the 1930s, which also started blowing early in the spring destroying thousands of acres of cropland and

Tuining countless farmers.

The high winds have fanned prairie fires across Kansas and Nebraska as well as the Texas Panhandle. Unless copious rainfall follows, weather forecasters say that this just the beginning, as severe blowing out of wheat and other crops is following precedent.

Against the warnings and protest of agricultural authorities the high war time prices and government support prices following, assuring profit to the farmers, has caused the plowing up of millions of acres of natural grassland for grain crops, land that was resown for grazing to check the dust storms, for the immediate profit, heedless of the

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Military security. France conhad plastered the basin with for the shallow fertile top soil, held in place by grass sod, tinues in control of the coal Nazi ringers. However, the zone when plowed is blown away in periods of droughts. That mines for fifty years. The Saar went back to Germany. Now it is to be expected in the dust bowl where dry cycles follow wet as the night the day and only return to grazing will eventually solve the problem.

## George Stuck by His Gum Story

Bristol, England, March 7 (P)—George Law said it was the automobile that had been stolen from him three years, despite a different coat of paint and changed engine and chassis

He pointed out one thing that was the same—a piece of chewing gum he had used to patch an oil leak. Local magis-trates agreed and ordered the car returned to him.

## BY H. T. WEBSTER

## Life's Darkest Moment



### KRISS-KROSS

## Join the Latest Fad; Pick A Name for Delake's Monster

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

Genus moroteuthis . . . manatee . . . cetorhinus.
Sounds like a page from a Greek refresher course? . . . No . . .
Those are just some of the scientific guesses as to the identity of the huge mass of sea life which washed up on Delake's beach

over the week-end.

Laymen have been content to call the thing "the monster,"

brought about a late-winter

Fourth of July Chris Kowitz, Jr. on the whatchamacallit, and small crowds were still dropping

The Mayor's Off-Street Parking Plan

Mayor Elfstrom has long been an advocate of off-street arking, whether downtown or in shopping areas of the type.

At the Friday meeting of the Retail Trade Purson Plan

And while Smelly Nellie (or whatever else you might want to call it) is causing onlookers to wrinkle their noses, it's prompting scientists all over the nation to dive nosefirst into "Let me see the hand that nation to dive nosefirst into textbooks in search for an an-swer to the question of the day: "What is it?"

under water in the Delake ed in peace for possible duties in aquarium.)

formation, evidently an answer to some one's query on a certain phase of history of presidents' clothing customs, livened up the wires over the week-end:

wore the pants in the family, how Length unknown."

shook the hand of Truman," one of the men said. Other man held out right hand. First man look-ed at hand, then said, "Let me shake the other hand."

In case of atomic attack, key

## MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

# West Germany and France at testing military - civilian teamwork from coast-to-coast, is also proposed. Loggerheads on Saar Valley

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Once more France and Germany (this time the Bonn govern-

two reasons: the world's richi't so recognized) has great militarily.

aspect is of spe-

cial significance in view of the Dewits Mackenzie

French direction.

The French have made a treaty is promised complete idepensis again under French control, dence at the end of that time if at least for the time being, the allies approve.

France's action has caused hot

settled in the peace conference will be called to deal with the with Germany. However, on the situation.

basis that possession is nine points of the law, the French may have strengthened their position mingly for economic union with in seizing opportunity by the France.

as part of Lorraine. After the is shrinking and consumers pay peace of Paris in 1815 it was more, the middleman has been turned over to Germany. At the making more, end of World War I the Saar In January, 1949, for instance, basin was awarded to France by the largest U.S. coffee importer, the treaty of Versailles, for ex
the most votes in a poll of the most votes in a

should be governed by a commission appointed by the League two nations, engendered by a commission appointed by the League two nations, engendered by a commission appointed by the League of Nations After that a plebiscite foods, raised its retail price should decide which one of three should decide which one of three courses they should pursue: Commission appointed by the League of Nations After that a plebiscite foods, raised its retail price should decide which one of three courses they should pursue: Commission appointed by the League and the league are the league and the league and the league and the league are the league ar At the end of the late war courses they should pursue: Con-France detached the Saar from tinue under the league adminis-Germany and gave it a status tration, make union with France of limited self-government under or with Germany.

On January 15, 1935, the pleb-The French have made a treaty On January 15, 1935, the plebwith the Saar under which the iscite was held and 90.8 percent valley government becomes a of the vote was for union with "republic" with broader auton-Germany. This was during the omy but with Paris remaining Hitlerian regime, and it was in charge of foreign relations and widely charged that the Fuehrer

the allies approve.

Actually France has no authority to make final disposition ernment has made it clear that of the Saar at this juncture, it will demand the return of the since the western allies have Saar, and it is expected that a agreed that the matter shall be special session of the legislature cattled in the peace conference will be called to deal with the

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

## Key Civilians to Be Trained on What to Do in Event of War

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—In a recent conference with congressional "Big Four" leaders, the president made it bluntly clear that he ex-pected them to finish passage of the federal aid-to-education bill, which already has passed the senate.
"I'm depending on you to get a satisfactory bill through the

house during

this session,"
Truman told Speaker Sam Rayburn and House Majority Chief John Mc-The President added that he wouldn't attempt to dictate terms of the

such controversial questions as free bus transportation for pa-

rochial students. "The demoratic party," he said, "has promised aid for our schools and I am determined that we make good on that promise. You bring me a bill down here and I'll sign it."

#### BRIEFING PUBLIC ON A-WAR

bill regarding

A plan to form a chain of air-craft spotters across the United States has been drawn up in the National Defense Department.

The idea is for the public to do less worrying and more preparing for possible atomic attack. To this end the general public will be briefed on how to escape danger and stop panic, while ci-vilian minute-men will be traincase of war.

One of these is a civilian air-Some of the darndest things craft warning net, stretching in come over the Associated Press an arc across 25 northern states wires. The following gem of in- from North Carolina to California cutting across the middle of Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. Civilian volunteers will be trained, then kept on a stand-by basis at key posts to scan the skies for 

The navy has also been assigned to work with civilian authorities in order to throw a dim-out switch down the Pacific coast as an emergency, anti-sub-marine measure. A similar pro-gram will be work out later for the Atlantic coast.

#### MUST FACE UNPLEASANTRIES

The plans being drafted include some unpleasant news, but

civilians will be trained in each His latest suggestion to the downtown merchants was one combining the logic of city improvement and merchant initiative to meet the problem of finding more parking spaces.

The widening of the streets is a sound, intelligent, longrange move. Other streets in the city should be widened, too, as the city manager has indicated, but the three Elfstrom mentioned for downtown will help a particular parking problem. On the other hand, the Baldock traffic plan calls for the widening of streets in other parts of town at a later date for improved traffic flow.

Elfstrom was shrewdly cautious in limiting his suggestion to the downtown merchants was one combining the logic of city improvement and merchant sealife, such as a whale or squid. But old-time Delakers from friends who have become cheartly backed up by the Chamber of Commerce) insist his monster is the real thing to save the edge of cigars wounded and restore the city to demonstrate the swamped with a deluge of cigars wounded and restore the city to care for the dead and swamped with a deluge of cigars wounded and restore the city to care for the dead and swamped with a deluge of cigars wounded and restore the city to care for the dead and supplies to papas. Guess we'll either have to smarp to smoke or buy us a move into an atomic-blitzed city wooden Indian . . Ardo Tarem, at true demon of the depths.

Bulldog Jackson, one of the most colorful figures in the history of wrestling who now lives in Salem, looked at photos of Delake's latest pride and joy, and muttered, "Hell, I've rassled wooden Indian . . Ardo Tarem, the YMCA masseur, is the only wooden Indian . . . Ardo Tarem, at true demon of the depths.

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A huge national war game,

## SENATE FOOD-PRICE PROBE

The inside story behind high food prices will be brought out into the open today by courtly, white-haired Sen. Guy Gillette, an Iowa dairy farmer whose subcommittee has been digging into skyrocketing prices of coffee, milk, bread, eggs, poultry and live stock.

The Saar district of some 784 Despite terrific pressure to square miles, originally came stop this probe, Gillette will into possession of France in 1766 show that, while farmers' income

ploitation of the coal fields.

The treaty further provided and sold it for 47 cents. Ten that for 15 years the Saar basin months later A & P paid 28 cents

Exchange, which were investi-gated after World War I because of the hike in sugar prices. Gillette investigators figure a sugar tee of top pediatricians select price rise is in the cards now, five one-year-old orphan boys unless the senate coffee probe and five one-year-old orphan scares it off.

and Hickenlooper.

Lilienthal Gets His Revenge

Philadelphia, March 7 (2)—David E. Lillenthal, who gave weariness of senatorial heckling as part of his reason for resigning last month as chairman of the atomic energy commission, has taken a poet's revenge on two of his most out-

spoken critics.

They are Senators Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R., Ia.), and Kenneth McKellar (D., Tenn.)

# CAPITAL NEWS CAPSULES

John L. Lewis vs. Phil Murray The good old American spirit of free competition may be fine regarding some things but it was partly responsible for the coal crisis. Harry Moses of U.S. Steel's giant H. C. Frick Coal Company put his finger on this during closed-door talks when he refused to give John L. Lewis a bigger wage than that given Phil Murray's CIO Steelworkers. When rank-and-file union mem bers see a boost going to a rival union, they demand the same thing whether union leaders thing whether want it or not. Idaho Potatoes-Here are two

interesting things about the potato surplus: 1—Idaho potatoes aren't glutting the market like Maine spuds. 2—Acreage quotas aren't going to limit the potato crop much. Farmers simply use more fertilizer. Maine farmers have now increased their yield to 450 bushels per acre, whereas the national yield is 211 bushels. Thanks to fer-tilizer and insect sprays, how-ever, the national average next year will be 240 bushels. Meanwhile, top Idaho spuds have been selling for \$2.75 to \$3.50 per bushel while Uncle Sam is pay-ing a support price of around

Hot War-It didn't leak out, but the cold war almost turned into a hot war last week. Yuinto a hot war last week. goslav troops were on the verge two
of invading Albania, which
would probably have precipiwould probably have precipi-tated a counter-attack by Russia.

But U.S. Ambasador George Al-len in Belgrade got wind of Yu-thy cause" dingoslavia's preparations, went to ner.
Marshal Tito and told him that,
if Yugoslavia did invade Alif Yugoslavia did invade Al-bania, the United States would the cash for a fore the United Nations. This cooled Tito off and he called off his troops.

### BY CARL ANDERSON

## Henry









## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

## Getting People to Attend Public **Dinner Now Active Industry**

New York (P)-Today, we take you for a behind-the-scenes

\$2 for surpluses. So it's not in peak at a great American industry.

Idaho that potatoes have been piling up.

It is the business of getting people to attend a public dinner.

And right now it is one of the most active industries in the

United States.
Public din-ners fall into two broad class-

1. The testi-

Getting peoa ticket to a testimonial din-

Hal Bayle ner is no problem at all. Gen-

people are afraid not to buy a ticket. This assures a full, attentive house. But roping folks into going to

a dinner for "a worthy cause" is quite another matter Approach-ed with a proposition of this sort, the average man will run for the nearest excuse. His mother-in law has just come down with the measles or his wife has broken her arm playing Canasta, and he has to take her to the hespital

erally the gent being honored is new specialist—the professional so powerful that at least 1,000 public dinner arranger.

### It Looks Like Myrtle the Turtle Is Going to Be a Mama All Right Chicago, March 7 (A)-Myrtle the turtle of the Brookfield

zoo is fertile and apparently is going to be a mama,

Myrtie the turtle, Zoo Director Robert Bean explained, isn't "To begin with my fee will be exactly a turtle. She's a 28-year-old, 300-pound giant tortoise \$750," murmurs this dear old from the Galapagos islands off the west coast of South America. Bean said Myrtle's babies will

Robert Snedigar, curator of rep-event will take place in six to tiles, had been in the dark as to 10 weeks. The eggs are in a spe-whether Myrtle's eggs were fer-cial incubator.

"Myrtle wouldn't lift a flip-They said Myrtle's secret was per in their defense," Snedigar trance fee to \$15 a ducat, they placed one of the tortoise stincts of motherhood."

## Who Says Hollywood Isn't Wild?

Los Angeles, March 7 (U.R).—The west is still wild. While Shoppers scattered for cover, a coyote strolled down fashionable Wilshire boulevard yesterday.

## WHO WOULD BE SELECTED?

the most votes in a poll of prominent Americans who were asked to name the persons who should be hidden away to give the world the freshest start if civilization were destroyed by H-bombs. The ark, however, would be a deep natural cave.

Many of the big importers are members of the Sugar & Coffee ent Minneapolis, Minn., novelist, eliminated headliners in his list who should rebuild civilization.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, because out on the public a they would need a "superior banquet. That way woman to care for them until newspaper mention. they are adults.

She proposed nine men

She proposed nine men and "any beautiful girl to keep these nine men happy." Her males in-cluded Einstein—"To figure out what to do next;" John Gunther —"To keep an account of what goes on in the ark for the next world;" Joe Louis— "For pro-tection;" Jack Benny— "To tection;" Jack Benny— "To keep spirits up;" Dr. Harlow Shapley — "An astronomer to take them to another planet in" -"To soothe their nerves with music;" Fred Allen—"For witty talk;" Drew Pearson— "To pre-

inated Jane Russel, Ava Gard- Eskimo architects.
ner, Lana Turner, Ann Blythe,
Elizabeth Taylor, Bach, Bee- But that doesn't worry the pro-Lilienthal said in a speech here last night he found that as a private citizen he had to have a card to use the Georgetown, Md., public library, near his home. He also needed two thoven, Brahms, Mendelssohn and Spike Jones. All the males, he failed to note, are dead ex-So, he said, he put down the names of Senators McKellar cept Jones

So the wise old lady says don't be foolish, nobody goes to a two buck affair anymore. She schedules the dinner at the Wal-

"Why, I was," you say lamely, and she remarks, "Don't be pitiful. We gotta get some big name talkers.

the poor, downtrodden Eskimo architects?" you inquire. And she says leave that to her.

Marie Wilson and orchestra leader Spike Jones submitted different lists but both had the same idea:

By now the dinner really sounds like something, but how are you going to sell all those \$15 tickets?

"That's my job," says the pro-fessional arranger. "I'll just send out invitations to my selected list of tested dinner-goers, and we'll

of tested dinner-goers, and we'll pack the ballroom."
What is a "tested dinner-goer?" Well, believe it or not, in Manhattan there are thousands of people who make a career out

dict what's going to happen next and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower—
"A military master to keep them out of trouble."

architects in the money to them, they put stoves in their igloos, and the central heating gives them pneumonia—and in weeks there are no more

is already busy on the annual banquet of the society for ex-tending television to the Zulus hanquet of the society for

to the hospital. This reluctance has created a Let us take a typical case. Suppose you are president of the

Suppose you are president of the society for relieving impoverishment among Eskimo architects. You want the society's annual dinner to be a success, so you go to a professional arranger.

bean said Myrtle's babies will
be the first of the species to be
hatched in an American zoo.
Until last Valentine's day when office. On the film, Vaguely and to throw our clambake in Joe's
Myrtle laid five eggs in the
mistily, were depicted the beyor's reptile house, she was just ginnings of a tiny tortoise, they
another tortoise.

"What!" you bark. "Why
there are only 100 members in
our society, and we were going
to throw our clambake in Joe's
joint, We only charge \$2.00, and
Joe lets us have his blue plate
special for \$1.50. dyrtle laid five eggs in the mistly, were depicted the bejoint. We only charge \$2.00, and
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Joe lets us have his blue plate
special for \$1.50, so we only expect to clear four bits a head."

"Who's going to make the main speech?" she asks.

"But who cares about helping

New York, March 7 — When and Mrs. John Q. Public wouldn't stand a chance to climb aboard an atomic age "Noah's ark to ride out H-bomb radioactivity.

All the space would be filled with Hollywood movie queens like Ingred Bergman and Jane Russell who would keep company with males like Dr. Albert Eintein and Gen. Dwight D. Eisen
But the nurse.

But the nurse.

of people who make a career out of going to public dinners. Some want to run for office, others want to "keep my face before the public," and the rest just don't know what else to do after dark. So the dinner is a huge suc-cess. You clear \$5,000. Then you discover there are only five

Bach, Bee- But that doesn't worry the pro-Mendelssohn fessional dinner arranger. She





## By HAL BOYLE