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A MYOPIC PROPOSAL

At the weekly meeting of the state board of control Tuesday, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby seriously proposed that the state purchase the First Presbyterian church building and convert it into an office building for state departments.

Newby contended that the state could amortize the cost of the building, estimated in the neighborhood of \$370,000, through collection of rentals from state departments.

Previous to the projection of the new plan, the board was considering two proposals—one to pay the church for the property and money to move the structure catercorner from its present location and the other proposal to place the purchase of the church property to the very last purchase in the mall area, estimated to be some 50 years from now. Newby's proposal matches that of a proposal he made when he was new in his office—the erection of a temporary structure in the mall as a state historical museum. Both proposals show that he hasn't the slightest conception of the purpose of creating an outstanding beautiful capital center of uniform white marble of similar architecture that would be outstanding in the nation and properly symbolize a great state.

While the First Presbyterian church is an artistic structure for worship, its architecture does not fit in with the state's, and left in its present place would be an architectural discord. Besides, it is not suitable for office use and religiously it would be a desecration to so use it.

Members of the church headed by Dr. Paul Newton Poling, pastor, told the board that expansion of the church was necessary and for that reason the church officials were desirous of some immediate decision on the matter. Dr. Poling said that first the church needed a Sunday school building and later would require a new sanctuary using the present church building as a chapel.

Under the circumstances, instead of penny-pinching to save the state a little money the control board should endorse the immediate purchase of the church lot so the church can be moved across the street to its permanent site, bordering, not on the capitol area so, its enlargement can be undertaken.

The Capitol Planning Commission, it is hoped, will so decide. In view of its previous decisions, it cannot do otherwise. Unlike the board of control, it visions the future and is not at all myopic.

STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII

Although the house has previously passed Hawaii statehood bills twice it looks like this third one is to bring success to Hawaii's long held ambition to become the 49th state and the first outside the continent.

The vote of 274 to 138, almost two to one, was decisive enough, and the Eisenhower administration is actively supporting the move. So senate approval and an early presidential signature seem probable.

Principal angle of controversy appears to be partisan. Hawaii is now Republican and would give that party two additional senators. Since the G.O.P. now has no senate majority at all without the vice-president's tie-breaking vote Republican interest in Hawaii statehood is apparent, though offset by Democratic disinterest which could block the bill in the senate.

The Democrats are irked at the administration for dropping Alaskan statehood for this session at least and they hint that it is because Alaska would probably place two Democrats in the senate if made a state. This could influence the administration but the larger influence probably is that Alaska is not yet ready for statehood. Its white population is smaller than that of scores of nonmetropolitan counties in the states and its capacity to support a state government is extremely questionable.

Hawaii does seem entitled to priority in statehood because it does have the population and tax base. Alaska is making steady progress and may qualify before too long. When it does, statehood should not be delayed because Alaska's political preference may not follow that of official Washington.

TRIGGER HAPPY RED PILOTS

Chills must have raced up and down millions of backs Tuesday when it became known that two Russian Mig's shot down an American F-84 in bright daylight well inside the boundary of the U.S. zone in Germany.

There could have been no question about the identity of either the attacker or the location of the attacked plane. It is another of a series of Russian assaults upon Americans, for what purpose we can only guess.

There will be widespread speculation that this attack represents a more aggressive policy on the part of the new Russian dictator, Malenkov, but we are disposed to doubt this. It came too quickly for one thing, and it is too much like previous episodes for another.

If Malenkov has decided upon new military adventures it seems unlikely that he would give the free world this advance warning.

OPEN FORUM

Thinks We Need More Men Like Wayne Morse

To the Editor: I have just finished reading Drew Pearson's column, and would like to comment on the part where Senator Guy Cordon of Oregon wanted to send Editor Bernard Tassler to Siberia or some other place for asking who the congressmen from the 45 states were who wanted to give three hundred billion dollars worth of oil to the big oil interests, instead of demanding just why so many belong to the grease gang.

We may find out sooner than we think, as we have a few billion feet of timber and a lot of water for power and irrigation in Oregon that could be traded for campaign dollars. Other states also have a few billion of this or that to trade for campaign dollars.

What we need in Washington and even in our state government is more men like Senator

Wayne Morse. He is man enough to keep his self respect, and is respected by most of the people, even if he has to quit his party and be abused by people who think elected officials should mouth the wishes of party dictators.

Thanks to Drew Pearson and Bernard Tassler for letting us know what goes on in Washington.

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Young Portland Man Killed by Boxcar

Portland (AP)—John T. Hyalop, 29, tripped and fell in front of a moving boxcar here Tuesday and was fatally injured.

The mishap occurred in the Southern Pacific Brooklyn yards where Hyalop was employed. The car broke his neck as it struck him, the coroner's office reported.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Malenkov Sour Man, Dislikes West; Never Out of Russia

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — Probably the only American who ever lunched with Georgi Malenkov, new dictator of Russia, is Eric Johnston, head of the motion picture industry. Visiting in Moscow in 1944 as president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Johnston sat beside Malenkov at a luncheon given in his honor by the Soviet council of trade.

Johnston found the new dictator a man with a handshake like a sponge, who disliked the west, and sat through the entire meal almost without saying a word. Malenkov has never been out of the Soviet Union, is half-Russian, half-Tartar, had almost no association with non-communist foreigners.

Note—Most notable event at the luncheon was a drinking bout between the U. S. military attaché, Major General John R. Deane, and a Russian general. Deane managed to drink the Russian under the table, and the last thing Johnston saw of him was two Russians dragging him out of the room feet first, his head bumping on the floor.

Stalin Decided Everything
How other members of the Politburo depended on Stalin for decision came out during a unique conference between Johnston and Stalin. At first Stalin sat glowering behind his desk, doodling with a pencil and answering questions in monosyllables. Obviously he was not happy at being interviewed. One of his doodles looked like a woman doing contortions, and seeing it, Johnston asked:

"What is that you are drawing, Generalissimo? Miss America in distress?"
"No, why?"
"Because I'm in distress myself," Johnston replied. "I was invited here as the guest of your government, yet I find myself being treated as an intruder."

Stalin put his pencil down, glowered at his American visitor, then finally said:
"No, Mr. Johnston, I'm a rude old man. There was a time when I was pleasant. But I now have the problems of the Soviet army, of Soviet production, of the Soviet air force all on my shoulders."

"Molotov can afford to be pleasant," he continued, pointing to the foreign minister. "He doesn't have to make decisions. I make them for him."
After this, Stalin became relaxed and pleasant, answered all of Johnston's questions. He showed an amazing knowledge of industrial production of other countries, and when Johnston asked what Russia intended to do with its new steel output after the war, he replied:

"Make automobiles. We have a long way to go. You made 5,000,000 a year before the war, whereas we made only 350,000."

"We made only 4,000,000 a year," Johnston corrected.
"No, you made 5,000,000," Stalin insisted.
"I'm a business man and I should know," said Johnston. "The figure is 4,000,000."
"Have it your own way," replied Stalin, "but the figure is 5,000,000."

Later Johnston looked up the figure, including both trucks and automobiles, Stalin was right. Presidential Golf
"The less said about my golf game, the better," President Eisenhower told a luncheon of 21 congressmen after he returned from Augusta, Ga. "I had two pars and thought I was going pretty good. Then I carded an eight for each of the next four holes."

However, he said he had "a delightful rest" even though he didn't burn up the greens.
One of the president's golfing partners, John Hay (Jock) Whitney, the famous sportsman, told Ike that he had a horse, Straight Face, running in the rich Flamingo stakes at Hialeah, Florida, the same day. Straight Face won a record purse of \$118,400.

"Jock heard the good news when we got back to the club house in Augusta," the president told the congressmen, "but it didn't excite him. He acted just the same after winning \$118,400. He must have a lot of money."
There was a period of suspense following the luncheon when the congressmen were touring the White House. A pearl-studded sword given Ike by Wilhelmina of Holland was missing from its place in an upstairs living room. "Lock the doors and call in the secret service," several congressmen jokingly suggested.

Gen. Wilton Persons, Ike's legislative adviser, was dispatched to hunt for the expensive showpiece, finally found it in a lower floor room where its box was being repaired. Ike looked relieved.
"That sword is the real thing," he said. "The pearls are natural, not cultured ones. I had it insured for \$50,000."

Presidential Lunch
As usual, the president saw to it that democrats were given the places of honor at the luncheon table, among them Congressman Mike Kirwan of Ohio, California's Harry Sheppard, and democrat Bob Poage of Texas.
Democrat Oren Harris of Arkansas, noting that Washington was blanketed by a late-winter snow, feigned surprise at the menu of lamb chops and cauliflower.

"On a cold day like this," he told the president, "I thought you might personally make us up a batch of hot chili."
"Nothing doing," smiled Eisenhower, famed for his sideline hobbies as a cook and painter. "I won't go down to that big kitchen here. There are too many people buzzing around for a man to concentrate."

As his guests shook hands and departed, several complimented Ike on the good feeling created by the luncheons for both senate and house members.
"I am happy to hear the luncheons are well received," he declared. "There's no reason why people of different political beliefs can't sit down together and talk things over in a friendly spirit. In a country like ours, people can disagree and still remain good friends. As far as I am concerned, I want everyone in both houses of congress to be here for at least one luncheon. If they don't come, it's their own fault."

DAIRYING ON WAY UP

Astorian-Budget
Dairy production has been declining in the lower Columbia since 1945, but for the first time the production report for the past year by Lower Columbia Cooperative Dairy association shows a little increase.

This is a desirable trend. Ours is a natural dairying country, and in the long run our farmers are going to be better off by concentrating on production of milk rather than any other farm commodity.

There has been of late years an alarming tendency to convert dairy farms into beef cattle farms. This has been of course encouraged by high beef prices, low margins of profit and long hours of work in dairying, and the controls on dairy products.

Now the beef market is down and more farmers will be re-converting their beef herds to dairy herds.
The dairy industry has of course a marketing problem. Vegetable fats have been cutting into butter, ice cream and powdered milk markets. Vigorous advertising may help overcome this problem.

Carol O'Connor on Los Angeles Radio

Heard on the radio from Los Angeles, Calif., Tuesday night was Carol O'Connor of Box 282, Stayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. O'Connor, Stayton.
Miss O'Connor, who left here about a week ago to be with a sister and her family in southern California, took part in an audience-participation event on the

BY H. T. WEBSTER

The Unseen Audience



Salem Five Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

March 11, 1948
A one story building of ultra-modern design will replace the fire gutted Guardian building at the southeast corner of State and Liberty streets. A 50-year ground lease has been obtained from the Steeves estate. Guardian building burned November 4, 1947.

California livestock men, confronted by a serious drought in their locality, are shipping cattle to Oregon pastures.
Vacation and sick leave privileges for employes of Salem Chamber of Commerce have been approved by the board of directors.

Elders of First Christian church will ask bids before July 15 for construction of a new edifice.
Title to Normandy Manor, recently purchased by Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, was transferred to the Legion Monday night by Michael Flax.

Heading Salem's war chest this year will be A. C. Haag who was elected president of the board of directors Wednesday.
Eddie Ahrens and A. A. Geer appeared before the county court Friday to suggest that surplus funds received from part-mutilated bedding be used to enlarge auditorium facilities in the proposed new courthouse for 4-H club and Future Farmer usage.

Keizer Parent Teacher's Association has written a letter to Frederick Aldrich, liquor supervisor, protesting issuance of a package beer license in school district 88.
State conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held in Salem during the next three days. Between 175 and 200 delegates are expected to be in attendance.

Carl Hogg, Salem businessman, will be a candidate for delegate to the national republican convention in Philadelphia.
Edwin H. Houser, major in army reserves, was elected president of the Marion county chap-

ter of the Reserve Officers association on Wednesday.
Fire Chief W. P. Robie said today that a ladder drill team from the Salem fire department would compete at the state meeting of the Oregon Fire Chief's association.

Customer call for veal at Salem meat markets has been reduced considerably by fear of "slump" veal (day old veal) that is being marketed these days.
Secretary of State Marshall today stood firm against demands that the United States throw big scale military aid into the fight against communism in China.

Residents of the Salem metropolitan area will have the opportunity to inspect the new Civil Defense rescue truck Monday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when it will be on exhibition at High and Court streets.
The truck, especially designed as a mobile operating headquarters for rescue teams serving in disaster relief, and equipped with specialized gear and apparatus was recently acquired by the Oregon State Civil Defense agency.

The public showing is under the joint auspices of Marion county and Salem Civil Defense and state agency.
County Judge Rex Hartley, Mayor Al Loucks and members of the county court and the Salem city council will open the truck for inspection.
The local group in charge during inspection will be G. R. Boatwright, assistant deputy for rescue; Austin G. Cater, chief of the light rescue section; Theodore Kuenzi, chief of the heavy rescue section; Harris Leitz, chief of the heavy machinery section and Willard D. Taylor, chief of the water rescue section.

After knocking off work at 2 a.m., we would tour the water-

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

St. Louis a Town Hal Boyle Always Yearns to Return to

By HAL BOYLE

St. Louis (AP)—"Meet me in St. Loody . . ."
There are some cities that make you feel sad when you come back to them, and to me this wonderful old river town will always be one.

My feeling for it is like an old love affair in which one partner can't quite quit yearning. It is nearly 20 years since I first came here, and lost my heart to St. Louis on sight. A young man can't withstand an old city . . . or an older woman. And the reason is simple. They have a history . . . And he would like to have one, too . . . and the quickest way is to share theirs.

Every antique brick in this quiet city on the Mississippi seemed to me to have a story in it. There was a mellow feeling of the time past and time present merging in a pleasant pattern. It didn't appear at all impossible to me that on some moonlit night . . . strolling along a narrow waterfront street . . . I would meet Mark Twain and talk with him . . . and not think it odd at all.

I felt the same way about meeting Father Marquette, De Soto, Rogers and Clark or Dizzy Dean or even Mr. Anheuser-Busch. Ole Dix was in his glory prime then, fogging a fast ball so soon to fade. And a tan tiger called Joe Louis made himself the nation's amateur heavyweight champ here, but even he didn't know how far his fists would carry him.

Oh, it was a fine time and place to be young. The only war a fellow had to fight was poverty. But beer was a nickel a glass, you could get some kind of a meat dinner for two bits, and on \$100 a month I lived in a daze of glamor. The paychecks were passed out on the first and 15th of the month, and in between paydays you went to the money lender. He gave you a ten spot and the next week he cashed your check and kept \$11. This simple, basic idea had made him rich.

I worked the night shift, taking news stories over the long distance phone about holdups in the Ozarks, criminals being electrocuted in the state prison, or somebody in Southern Illinois turning his car over on the way home, killing himself and somebody else's wife. I was new at the typewriter, and all the tawdry tales of people in trouble wore a kind of romance instead of misery.

The older newspapermen were heroes to me, their gossip of old scandals in the news was the shop talk of journalistic demigods. Would there ever be stories like that again, I wondered, and would I get to write them?
Two of my favorite titans were an old copyreader embittered by futility and a long duel with his ulcer, and a rewrite man named Johnny, who had a boy's face, a death-look in his eyes, and an ability to sing "Wabash Moon" in a way you could never forget.

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I walk the streets and hear the lost echoes of "Wabash Moon" . . . But I know I will never meet Mark Twain . . . Or write the great American novel . . . And never again see the girl with the grey eyes.
When a man comes back to the town where he was young, all he sees is himself as he used to be . . . And that is always rather sad, no matter how good life has been to him.

Local Radios to Warn Farmers About Frost
Frost warnings will be broadcast over radio stations KOCO and KSLM beginning March 21 and extending through April, according to announcement by A. S. Watis of the U. S. weather bureau.
Station KOCO will make a special frost broadcast at 8 p.m. daily and KSLM will include the local low temperature forecast in the news roundup programs from 8:55 to 9 p.m.

The Salem weather bureau plans to provide low temperature warnings to persons who have requested this information. A plan is being worked out whereby phone calls from the weather bureau office will be relayed by volunteers to others wanting this information. This plan is expected to speed up the warning system.

Airplanes were first used in war against the Turkish forces in Tripoli in 1911 and 1912.

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