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### PLANTING FOR THE DOLE

A statistic laden report of the department of agriculture made public this week, based on interviews with farmers across the country, reflecting their planting intentions as of March, indicate that their reaction to falling commodity prices will be to plant bigger crops. In spite of a two-year decline in farm prices, farmers plan to plant 271 million acres to spring-seeded crops this year, compared to 267 million acres last year, the second highest on record.

The report shows that gains are in prospect this year for 12 of 16 major crops. Only corn, barley, tobacco and peanuts show a decline. The wheat crop, much of which was planted last winter, also seems likely to be smaller. It is of course, too early to jump to conclusions about the size of the 1953 harvest—and the unpredictable weather will have the final say.

The net result could be to drive prices down still further, pile up big surpluses and run the cost of the government farm price support program way up. The combination of falling prices and bumper crops can mean only multi-million dollar outlays for price supports and react in higher living costs for consumers.

### THE CASE OF JOSEPH POGGI

Not so many days ago Joseph Poggi was just another convict out at the penitentiary, and a pretty hopeless one, for he had a life sentence as an habitual criminal hanging over his head.

Then he became a candidate for immediate release when Circuit Judge Rex Kimmel found that he had been improperly convicted under the habitual criminal act, and should have been sentenced to only five years instead of the 20 he actually did serve before the fact became known.

But Poggi's jubilation was short lived for the authorities in Clackamas county have had him arrested and propose to try him again on the same charge. The layman will wonder how this can be done in view of the double jeopardy provision of the constitution, but maybe there is a way.

Whether there is a way legally, there is no moral justification for what Clackamas county is proposing to do. Instead of Poggi being in debt to the state of Oregon for theft of articles he claims wouldn't bring over \$3 on today's market, the state is in debt to him for holding him far beyond a reasonable time for such an offense.

Clackamas county should forget about Poggi and let him have a chance at freedom. If he sins again, arrest and punish him again, but at least give him a break after these 20 years behind prison bars.

If there is any question about what to do about Poggi, just consider all these big time embezzlers and betrayers of the public trust who got by with a fraction of what Poggi has served for a relatively trivial crime. Alger Hiss won't stay behind the bars nearly as long.

### THE NEW BILLBOARD BILL

Announcement that the senate natural resources committee is drafting a bill to restrict erection of billboards on new highways and freeways to be built in the future should be good news to all Oregonians, and particularly to the billboard industry.

Like as not the committee has been thinking of this new short cut highway between Salem and Portland which will miss all the cities between the two terminal points and go through one of Oregon's most beautiful rural scenes. It can be a real show road as well as a great convenience to the traveling public.

But not if it becomes littered up with billboards, hot-doggeries and the like. It should be kept clear, and it probably can be by legislation adopted before it is opened. The same reasoning will apply to other new roads and freeways of which there will be quite a number as the years pass.

This is in no sense a blow to the billboard business, which will never lack advantageous places to erect signs. It should free billboard men who want to avoid offense to public taste from competitive pressure from those who don't care, and whose indifference causes public resentment against the entire industry.

### Morse Clashes With Wilson

Washington (AP)—Sen. Morse (Ind.-Ore.) has run into a controversy with former General Electric Co. president Charles E. Wilson over what Morse called a proposal to sell the federal power projects to private utilities.

Morse told the Senate Friday backers of such a plan had induced Wilson — the one-time defense mobilization director, not the present secretary of defense — to give "a certain atmosphere of respectability" to the idea.

utility or any government owned property created in an emergency which no longer existed."

He said his proposal was to "sell it back to the citizens," not existing companies, and that he had discussed the idea with former President Truman when he was in government service.

### Bullet Fired into U.S. Embassy at Tokyo

Tokyo, (AP)—A "large caliber" bullet was fired into the American embassy today and narrowly missed hitting Economic Councillor Frank Waring.

No one was injured, but an embassy spokesman said the bullet, "about .45 caliber," apparently came from the direction of the prime minister's residence. Police said the direction and force of the bullet indicated it was fired from the hill on which the Diet building and Premier Shigeru Yoshida's official residence are located.

### BY H. T. WEBSTER Bridge



### WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND Four Billion Cut Ordered in Arms Budget Despite Dangers

WASHINGTON — This column has obtained a copy of the drastic, secret order from Undersecretary of Defense Roger Kyes to the secretaries of the army, navy, and air force ordering the heaviest military budget cuts since the end of the war.

While the order shows a sincere effort to balance the overall national budget, the cut of \$4,300,000,000 comes when the United States had only 75 jet planes in Europe against Russia's 8,000 at the time the U. S. jet was shot down over Germany; and at a time when other planes have been menaced in other areas.

Most significant part of the drastic order is that budget cuts are based on the assumption "that combat will continue at not less than the present rate" for the next two years. In other words, the White House takes a pessimistic view of the Korean fighting—despite certain hopes and statements made last fall.

The Truman defense budget, which Secretary of Defense Wilson recently said he could not cut, called for \$45.5 billion of military spending for the fiscal year 1954. That's the year beginning July 1. The National Security Council, on an order from Budget Director Joe Dodge, now proposes to reduce this to \$41.2 billion. The heads of the army, navy and air force are given only three weeks in which to make this cut.

Furthermore the secret order discusses the "expenditures" budget, not the appropriations to be passed by congress. In other words, the memo discussed actual cuts in military spending.

Here is the top-secret order, dated March 9, 1953, sent by Deputy Secretary Kyes to the secretaries of the army, navy, and air force:

### DEADLINE: MARCH 24

"At the National Security Council meeting on 4 March 1953 it was agreed that there would be an exploration and appraisal of the effect of approaching a balanced budget by fiscal year 1954 and achieving a balanced budget in fiscal year 1955. As part of this study, the Department of Defense was directed to submit to the council by 24 March 1953 a statement as to (1) revisions in the programs which would be necessary to reduce them to certain specified expenditure levels, and (2) the effect of these revisions in relation to currently approved national security policies and objectives.

"As a basis for this study, the director of the bureau of the budget proposed, and the council agreed, that certain assumed total expenditure limits should be assigned the executive departments and agencies. For the Department of Defense, the amount allocated on an expenditure basis is \$41.2 billion for fiscal year 1954 and \$34.6 billion for fiscal year 1955. There was also an allocation made for the mutual security program, and the position which was subsequently sub-allocated for military assistance on an expenditure basis is \$4.3 billion for fiscal year 1954 and \$3.1 billion for fiscal year 1955.

"It is requested that each of the military departments prepare a statement, supported by a detailed cost category statement, indicating the forces that could be maintained with these expenditures, taking into account the following assumptions: (A) That basic units and combat strength be maintained wherever possible, and reductions first applied to overhead personnel and the less necessary projects with, however, proper emphasis placed on modernization of equipment; (B) That the uncollected balance in the ordnance procurement account of the Army management fund shall remain during the succeeding two fiscal years at the same level as 30 June 1953; (C) That expen-

ditures will be made of unspent working funds administered by other agencies; (D) that combat will continue at not less than the present rate during the two-year period under consideration; (E) that full consideration will be given to the effect of funds which would be spent during the period involved under the military assistance program and forces achieved as a result of our combined efforts with our allies.

### Salem 11 Years Ago By BEN MAXWELL March 21, 1942

Oral E. Scott, resident of Salem, has written a book entitled "The Stars in Myth and Fact." He is continuing his research at Oregon State college library.

Probability that Salem airport will be the only one in this restricted military area designated for use by private flyers in the air patrol was expressed today by Lee U. Eyerly, group commander.

All building except that directly tied into war production may be stopped within 10 days with issuance of war production orders restricting plumbing and heating equipment to specific construction.

Between 800 and 1000 bicycles have been sold by Salem dealers since January 1. A new "victory" model with very small tires weighs 34 pounds and sells for between \$25 and \$52.50.

Dallas depot of the Polk county defense council has collected and shipped 10 1/2 tons of waste paper to Portland where it is being converted into material for the manufacture of paper cartons.

Preliminary training for the Lebanon-Sweet Home squadron of the civil air patrol will start Sunday.

Oregon has already exhausted its March quota of tires according to a report issued by the state rationing administration.

President Carl Hogg of Salem Chamber of Commerce has named a committee consisting of Dr. Henry E. Morris, Guy Hickok, George Rhoten, Mayor W. W. Chadwick, Gene Vandenevde and Linn Smith whose duty it will be to select a director to devote full time attention to problems arising out of the new cantonment in Polk and Benton counties. He will also be concerned about procuring a USO recreational center for Salem and arranging for adequate transportation between this locality and the cantonment. Chamber members were summoned without actual knowledge of the purpose of the meeting. About 150 were present.

### WIDE-OPEN INSTRUCTIONS

"The joint chiefs of staff are requested to review the statements provided by each of the military departments and to provide this office no later than 0900 on 20 March 1953:

### POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

#### Frank Milano Can Make Noise Like Flying Saucer

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Frank Milano is perhaps the only man in the world who can make a sound like a flying saucer.

"It takes off with a strange whistling, whining noise, like this—oo-oo-ooo-ooo—then it becomes supersonic, and you can't hear it," he said.

Milano is firmly convinced flying saucers do exist, they are not of this planet, and it is high time us earth people came to terms with them.

"They are not hallucinations," he insisted. "I have seen one myself, and my wife has seen several."

Frank's ability to imitate the sound of a flying saucer stems from a highly educated set of vocal chords that earn him \$35,000 to \$50,000 a year. He is one of the nation's few professional animal imitators and vocal effects artists.

Milano, a pleasant, mild-mannered ex-actor, drifted into his specialty by accident. But today radio and television would be hard put to do without him. He does the voice effects for half a dozen programs, ranging from a pup on the Rottie Kazoote show to a live parrot on the Bill Goodwin show.

"I can imitate anything from a cricket to a roaring lion," Frank said. "I've been a gorilla, an elephant, a burro, Rip Van Winkle's dog and even a mosquito."

He has also been the voice of a motor boat with a sense of humor, a wayward bus, a jet-propelled spoon, and an automobile starter with a rundown battery.

Oh, yes, he also was a Rice Krispie for a while. His "snap, crackle and pop" performance in that role is, of course, now a part of theatrical—like Hamlet.

"I like imitating mechanical gadgets," Frank said. "Right now I'm playing the part of a washing machine, chug, chug, gluggie. I can also make a sound like a squadron of talking airplanes, but none of the airlines will buy it for a commercial. They say it's too frightening."

The animals he hates most to imitate are bears. Scratches his vocal chords.

"Animal battles—two stallions fighting it out, or a mountain lion fighting a horse—are hard on my throat, too," he said. "I guess I like to do dogs best. There are only two kinds of dog barks really, big dog barks and little dog barks."

"Dogs have been very important in my career. Some day I'd like to retire and raise them. I owe them a lot."

### THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

## We Worship Christ as the Son Of God, Fireside Author Says

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT  
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Tomorrow, the fifth Sunday in Lent, the thoughts of the faithful will be directed to the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ and its significance to us and to the world.

Notwithstanding the emphasis put on the method by which He met death, we do not worship Christ because He was crucified, rather than killed in some other way. We do not worship Christ because He was a martyr to a great cause, nor even because He was a good man. We worship Jesus Christ because we believe Him to be, as the centurion said, "Truly, this was the Son of God."

The Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Sacraments, the Christian altars are all quite meaningless to those who do not believe in Jesus Christ as God in human flesh.

When the Disciples of Our Lord, who followed Him in faith where He led them, saw their Master dying on the cross, it was a great test of their faith. It seemed to them like the end of it all. It was indeed a dark day for them. Times of shaken faith come to all but the very strongest. We all have times of anxiety, worry, misunderstanding and doubt; times when we can see only darkness, hopelessness and defeat ahead.

"Why did God do this to me?" is heard over and over again. Then, something occurs which throws a clear light upon the whole situation, which before seemed unsolvable. What, at first appeared to be the end of all, turns out to be only the beginning of something greater. This was true of the Disciples who left the scene of Mount Calvary on that memorable Good Friday, sick at heart. For them, the Crucifixion turned out to be just the darkness before the dawn of Easter, which brought them a greater faith than before.

When our hope and faith seem headed for "the place of a skull," when defeat seems inevitable, when in self-pity and despair Golgotha rises up before us, it too, as it was with the Disciples, may be but the darkness before the dawn.

Remember even Christ's journey to Calvary was not the end of all, but only the beginning of the greatest march to victory the world has ever known.

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