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## SLASHING FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

That the Eisenhower administration is in earnest in its efforts to effect economy in all branches of government in order to balance the budget is daily being shown by the departmental reorganizations and streamlining announced and the slashing of proposed appropriations in most of which congress is cooperating. Of course there will be loud outcries from the log-rolling pork barrelers as well as those eliminated from the swollen payrolls, but that is to be expected.

The house went along with its appropriations committee Tuesday, passing and sending to the senate \$406,130,343 for the Interior department for the fiscal year starting July 1. It was \$201,230,057 less than the Truman budget called for.

The public power group lost every effort to restore the curtailed power funds for the southwest and Pacific northwest. A motion by Minority Leader Sam Rayburn to restore \$3,786,000 for operations of the Southwest Power Administration, lost, 173 to 133.

Later, the house voted down an amendment to restore \$4,308,000 of \$16,900,000 the committee cut from funds for power line construction by the Bonneville Power Administration.

Also defeated was a proposal by Rep. Gracie Post (D., Ida.) to restore \$120,000 for a line in northern Idaho and western Montana.

Main items in the Interior bill were \$43,300,000 for the Bonneville Power Administration; \$13,000,000 for the Bureau of Land Management; \$53,869,000 for the Indian Bureau; \$138,146,675 for the Reclamation Bureau; \$27,760,000 for the Geological Survey; \$19,976,218 for the Bureau of Mines; \$32,917,550 for the Park Service, \$11,210,600 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, and \$34,922,300 for the Office of Territories.

## DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTS

Refusal by the U.S. Army Engineers to award a contract for transformers and generators to be used at the Chief Joseph dam in the state of Washington to a British firm which was the low bidder came in for criticism in parliament and elsewhere over there, and we think justly.

The bids were called for December 1. The British firm's bid was \$6,238,000, and the lowest bid by an American company was \$7,170,000. The Army Engineers were apparently embarrassed. They could not well award the contract to a bid so much higher than the lowest, but they rejected all the bids and will take new ones. This will allow the U.S. bidders to get their pencils out again and to whittle below their foreign competitor if they can and still make any money on the job.

We realize that some will see a patriotic issue between Americans and foreigners, but we do not wish to argue it here. If a wall should be erected against foreign electric equipment the tariff is the place to erect it, not by discrimination in the awarding of government contracts.

And if we are to refuse to buy foreign goods what becomes of our noble professions about helping other countries help themselves? It is also doubtful if we actually lose anything by buying some of our equipment abroad when the price is right, for countries like Britain will spend every dollar of U.S. exchange they can earn or beg in this country.

Free flow of international trade has long been recognized as mutually beneficial, but we emphasize again: If we don't want to trade abroad the tariff is the place to build the wall. We shouldn't invite foreign bids on government contracts and then turn them down when they are lowest.

## DEMAND FOR PRISON PROBE

Now we have a demand by Howard Morgan, Democratic state chairman, that charges he recites of use of prison inmates to clear private lands be investigated. It will be recalled that former Warden O'Malley recently voiced charges of irregularities in the use of prison labor in an address at Eugene.

The public does not know what if any basis for these charges exists. Both O'Malley and Morgan have "motives" for wishing to discredit the present state administration, personal in the one case, partisan in the other. They might be expected to put the worst interpretation on what they've heard, or know.

But there is bound to be suspicion when these charges are bandied about and suspicion is demoralizing to the public service. The board of control should wish to have matters cleared, the guilty accused and brought to trial if guilty they are, and unjust suspicions allayed if they are without foundation.

The Capital Journal suggested right after O'Malley's speech that a grand jury investigation of the prison situation was in order. We still think so.

## Salem 54 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

April 29, 1899  
Miss Bertha Ketchum of Salem has finished teaching a seven-month term of school at Eola. Four wagon loads of her Salem friends attended final exercises that filled the old Eola church to capacity.

Mrs. Asa Wyman is in receipt of a letter from her husband who has reached the Alaskan gold rush point of Dawson City. He received \$1 each for every newspaper taken in and from \$4 to \$7 a dozen for eggs.

A government building at the west end of Willson avenue would look well. Besides, the government would not permit a frog pond. It would keep the premises in first class shape. (Capital Journal of this date carries an advertisement signed by the treasurer of the United States and asking for a site where Salem postoffice could be located.)

A 1 p.m. today 1740 bicycle receipts had been issued by

the sheriff's office to cyclists eager to contribute toward building bicycle paths in Marion county.

Salem Markets Today: Creamery butter, 20c a pound; eggs, 10c a dozen in cash, potatoes, 50c a bushel.

"The greatest attraction a young lady can possess is a shapely foot neatly encased in \$2.50 shoes. Lacy's new shoe store, 94 State street."

"At the Sign of the White Horse," E. H. Lamport, 289 Commercial street, manufacturer and importer of harness, saddles and horse clothing. (Fred Lamport, Marion county senator and son of E. S. Lamport, states that the sign of the White Horse, a paper mache creation, became shopworn and discarded when his father discontinued business in 1912. A similar relic of horse and buggy times may be seen in the F. E. Shafe, leather store at 125 Commercial street.)

## BE CAREFUL DAVID



(From The Evening Star, Washington, D.C.)

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Interesting to Watch Ike's Golf Companions

BY DREW PERSON

Washington—For years it has been a White House custom to publish the names of presidential callers. This is done on the theory that the American people have a right to know who talks to or tries to influence the most important personage in the nation.

However, the White House has declined to make public the golfing partners of the president—except for an occasional senator such as Taft—on the ground that Ike's golfing partners would be hounded by lobbyists who would try to influence the president through his golfing partners.

Actually, those who golf or visit with the president in Augusta or at the Burning Tree club in Washington can vitally influence national policy.

For instance, William Farley, astute, charming president of the Association of American Railroads, visited with Ike at Burning Tree recently. Farley, one of the ablest and most personable representatives of big business in the capital, is anxious to block construction of the St. Lawrence seaway because of its competition with the railroads.

Every president of the United States, so far, has been for the St. Lawrence project. So have such top republicans as Dewey and Taft. However,

### Hits IOOF Name Use In Cemetery Stories

To the editor: It has come to my attention that there has been several articles including photographs recently published in the Salem papers, telling about sheep being turned into the Odd Fellows cemetery.

While I do not question the truth of the reports about the sheep, I do want to enter a protest as to the cemetery being labeled as belonging to the Odd Fellows lodge, as title to this ground was passed from their hands several years ago.

It is only fair that you do as much to undo the damage that the news stories have done to the Odd Fellows lodges in and around Salem, as your stories have done by publishing half truths.

Your reporters being unhampered by facts can really put out a fine line of propaganda. Get the truth about this episode, and place the blame where it belongs, on the shoulders of public officials not upon the shoulders of the Salem Odd Fellows.

Lynn Cram, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Oregon, I.O.O.F., Medford, Oregon

Editor's Note—Newspaper stories have always used the name I.O.O.F. or Odd Fellows cemetery because this is the name by which it has always been known here. This is the first protest anyone in the Capital Journal news room recalls ever having heard. The public has been repeatedly told and was told in the stories of the sheep episode that the cemetery is now under county-city control.

### Easy for Police to Find This Lost Car

Minneapolis, Minn. (AP)—When Wilbur Kellison, of Sioux City, Ia., reported to police he left his automobile in a downtown parking lot two weeks ago and couldn't remember which one, the cops picked up the scent right away.

Kellison had left 500 pounds of fish in the car's trunk.

Burning Tree Gopher Farley apparently performed miracles.

For, after talking with him, Ike told Senator Wiley of Wisconsin that he was opposed to the seaway. Furthermore, he used all the arguments of the railroads against the seaway.

Wiley, who used to be council for the Milwaukee railroad when Farley was counsel for the Northwestern, recognized the arguments immediately.

Wiley is a staunch advocate of the project which would connect the Great Lakes with the Atlantic ocean. Uninfluenced by the president, he proceeded with his St. Lawrence hearings.

Later the president changed his mind. He did not do so, however, until after the news leaked of his visit with persuasive railroadman Farley at the Burning Tree Country club. After the leak Ike reversed himself, lined up with other presidents of the United States for the seaway.

In other words, it looks as if the traditional policy of making public the names of presidential callers, whether at the White House or on the golf course, was a good one. (Lists of those cruising with Truman on the Williamsburg were published. Ike is substituting the golf links for the presidential yacht.)

Note: Publication of White House callers and golfing partners carries out the spirit of the lobbyist registration act and the foreign agents registration act, namely that there may be nothing wrong about representing certain business groups or certain foreign countries as long as it's not concealed from the public.

Hostile Tidelanders Mall  
Eisenhower's senators are not saying so publicly but some of them are not at all happy about the tidelanders oil policy of their administration.

The mall of Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, for instance, is running 200 to 1 against him because of his support for tidelanders oil, Massachusetts, of course, has nothing to gain from giving the \$300,000,000 offshore oil wealth to Texas, California and Louisiana, and the voting public in a lot of these non-oil states has become pretty well educated by the senate filibuster.

Another thing worrying some Eisenhower senators is the president's failure to support his own cabinet members regarding the extent of the tidelanders oil concession. Both Secretary of State Dulles and Attorney General Brownell were emphatic in congressional testimony that the three tidelanders states must not have title to more than the historical boundaries—namely, three miles offshore except in the case of Texas and Florida which get 10 1/2 miles. In contrast, some tidelanders senators want 100 miles or more offshore and the present bill leaves this to be decided in the vague future.

However, the president, queried by the senate regarding the deliberate vagueness of the current bill, ducked a definite stand. He did not side with his two cabinet members, worried that Russia and Mexico might press similar offshore claims.

"GIVEAWAY ADMINISTRATION"  
Another problem worrying republicans is the new trademark which the democrats are

cleverly conspiring to pin on Ike's administration—namely "the giveaway administration."

"You don't practice economy by giving away national assets," argue the democrats. "Nor does this giveaway policy balance the budget."

Democratic leaders are already preparing a list of so-called "giveaways" upon which they will ring all the changes. Here are some of them:

Synthetic Rubber Plants—There were built at a cost of millions of dollars after Japan cut off rubber from the Malayas and Indonesia. Now, with the communists staging a new drive into French Indo-China on the borders of this same rubber area, the administration is insisting on selling these rubber factories for about 15 cents on the dollar.

Synthetic Oil - From - Coal Plant—This experimental laboratory at Louisiana, Mo., for making oil out of coal, cost the government \$75,000,000. However the oil lobbies are opposed, and Secretary of the Interior McKay plans to sell it to private industry for a song.

Tidelanders Oil—Revenue from this wealthy oil area

## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### Life'll Never Be Same for Lady Who's Outgrown No. 12

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—The great landmarks of our lives are rarely announced by the blowing of bugles.

We are made aware of change within ourselves by some odd moment of self-discovery, and are surprised to learn that we are not what once we were.

Thus a woman awakens one fine morning yawning and thinks her day will begin as usual. Then she finds that no power on earth is any longer able to pour or pull her into a size 12 dress. Or, perhaps, she is idly plucking her eyebrows and sees shining in the mirror, a dangling thread of silver, her very first gray hair.

Her world has changed in an instant. It will never be the same again.

I had one of these shattering moments of self-revelation the other day. I was sitting at my desk typing out notes for a speech on the love habits of the porcupine when a copy boy came up and said: "We're getting up an office-softball team. What position do you want to play?"

would bring several millions annually into the treasury, help balance the budget. Democrats plan to list the heavy oil-company contributions to Ike's campaign chest to show that this is a political pay-off not in the national interest.

Public Lands—Western senators are already talking about giving the public lands held by the federal government to each state.

Ducks and Salmon—The firing of Albert M. Day, Head of Wildlife and Fisheries Bureau, at the behest of certain private game-preserve owners will be shown by the democrats as a move to benefit the wealthy few who can afford game-hunting reservations.

Power Dams—This may turn out to be the biggest giveaway of all. If the plan goes through to turn government power over to private utilities, democrats will show that the billions of dollars invested in the dams by the taxpayers will actually benefit the private utilities. For all appropriations have just been cut out of the budget for building government power lines. This leaves REA cooperatives pretty much out in the cold and the private utilities in a monopoly position to use the power.

So the new democratic slogan will be: "Republicans didn't believe in Santa Claus when Roosevelt and Truman were helping the underprivileged of the nation. Now they believe in Santa Claus—for their own friends."

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don't care much about having the old man out spraining his knee on Sunday. One softball game years ago cost me considerable peace at home.

My wife arrived in Paris on a Saturday night on her first trip abroad. Our Paris staff had an important softball game scheduled for Sunday, and they were short one player.

Bright and early next morning a voice shouted outside our hotel window: "Mrs. Boyle, can Boyle come out and play with us?"

Frances turned and looked at me in utter disbelief. "The team really needs me, dear," I mumbled. I jumped into my clothes and ran out quickly. Well, it was a tough game, but we finally won 6-5 in a late rally.

The team, hot and sweaty, all came back to the hotel, and we fought the game all over again as we celebrated with champagne. Frances just stared at us in silence. When the other players left, I saw the expression in her eyes and said lamely:

"Honey, I knocked in the winning run."

"Do you realize," she answered, "that you are probably the only man in history heartless enough to desert his wife on her first morning in Paris just to play an old softball game? I still don't believe it."

And I know what she will say when I tell her I have retired from the game:

"Rover, as far as I am concerned you can go right on playing until you break all the bones in your silly head. A girl can only have her first morning in Paris once, and you make me spend it alone."

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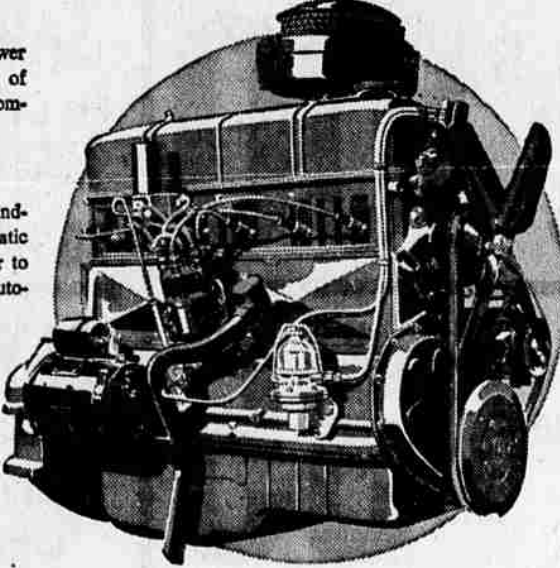
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