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SALEM AND THE BLOOD PROGRAM

Forty-four persons turned out last night for a well publicized meeting to try and save Marion county's blood program, which the Red Cross board has announced will be discontinued July 1 unless additional funds are forthcoming, the annual Red Cross drive having fallen some \$7000 short of its goal.

One wonders if this attendance of one person out of a thousand of Salem's population—actually less because several were from outside this city—is a true measure of Salem's lack of interest in the blood program.

This could be due in part to feeling against the Red Cross, to suspicion that the program could be continued through economies in other sections of its program here, but those who feel this way should have been present to ask embarrassing questions. The questions were in fact asked, but they did not appear to embarrass anyone.

It could be due to lack of what we call "civic spirit." This patriotic feeling has been overworked by too many appeals, so it has flagged, without a doubt. But the blood isn't to send to Korea—that flood will be collected anyway, through funds provided by the armed forces—it is blood to be placed in our own hospitals, to be used by ourselves and our loved ones. Here clearly is a case where "the life you save may be your own."

But the response was meager and those who did turn out were rather pitifully confused in the face of what all could see is an acute community crisis. A committee was formed to try to secure the \$5500 that will save the program. Five thousands five hundred dollars to save lives in a community whose financial institutions contain nearly a hundred million dollars of deposited cash.

It seems ridiculous that this should pose a problem, doesn't it? But it does and it is far from certain that the money will be raised. The best way would have been for the community to have filled the Red Cross quota during its campaign, but this drive is over now and all these workers dispersed. It will be harder now.

What will happen to a small committee's effort to save the county blood program we do not know, but one thing we do know. The community will be aroused very soon after July 1 if it isn't aroused sooner. The water is taken for granted until the well runs dry. Then things happen fast. They have to. And they will here.

But why do we let ourselves get behind this big eight ball?

NEW FOREIGN AID PROGRAM

President Eisenhower has asked congress for \$5,828,000,000 for a new foreign aid program for the fiscal year starting July 1, as a necessary defense for free nations, and America itself against the "Soviet threat" and "great peril" of Red aggression. This is \$1,800,090,000 less than recommended by former President Truman in his last budget message.

In a special message submitting his program, the president told congress:

"The blunt, sober truth is that we cannot afford to relax our defenses until we have seen clear, unmistakable evidence of genuinely peaceful purposes on the part of the Soviet Union."

"The basic purpose of this program is simply the long term security of the United States living in the shadow of the Soviet threat. Anything appreciably less would be dangerous to our peace and security."

The bulk of money, approximately \$5,250,000,000, is set up for military weapons and direct support "to the defense efforts of our friends and allies, a measure of the peril in which free nations continue to live."

Some \$400 million would be earmarked to help the French resist communist forces attacking Indochina and other hundreds of millions to bolster the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa. The remaining \$550 million would be spent for technical, economic and development purposes.

As Mr. Eisenhower's message was being read in the house, Harold E. Stassen, director of Mutual Security, and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles testified for the program at a joint meeting of the senate foreign relations and the house foreign affairs committees.

What the administration is asking now is an authorization, not appropriation. Specific sums will be sought later to carry out the program. Dulles said it is just possible the full amount of the authorization will not be asked in outright appropriations.

SENATOR WAGNER'S DEATH

The death Monday in New York of former Senator Robert F. Wagner passed virtually unnoticed and we'll waver a modest sum that millions of Americans don't even remember who he was. The same thing happened when former Congressman Volstead died, years after the controversy over his congressional act was stilled.

Wagner was the author of the new deal Wagner act, labor's "Magna Carta," or charter of liberty, it was called. This law, admittedly one-sided, paved the way for the vast expansion of the country's labor unions in numbers and power. It established a political alliance between labor and the new deal that kept the Roosevelt and Truman administrations in office long after the political pendulum normally turns in this country.

Wagner's law righted what had been a bargaining disparity in favor of employers, but it loaded the dice on the other side and created the abuses the Taft-Hartley act sought to remedy—some claimed by again going too far in one direction.

Whether Wagner's act was good or bad over the long pull is still a hotly disputed issue nearly two decades afterward. But it made history by making possible the tremendously powerful labor union, upon which the Taft-Hartley act has as yet had little effect. So his work will be felt throughout this country for many years to come, whether or not the man himself is remembered.

100 Mile Wind Causes \$100,000 Airport Loss

Knoxville, Tenn. (AP)—A four minute windstorm with gusts exceeding 100 miles an hour struck Knoxville's Municipal Airport tonight, unroofing two hangars and flattening a house. Four persons were injured slightly in the wreckage of the house.

The Knoxville Flying Service estimated damage at \$100,000.

Cal. to Allow Ouster Of Commy Teachers

Sacramento (AP)—A unanimous vote of the senate has sent to the Assembly a bill allowing school districts to fire teachers who balk at answering questions by congressional or legislative committees concerning their communist affiliations.

The senate passed the measure, backed by the Los Angeles Board of Education.

THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST GRADE



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Defense in Hot Struggle on New Joint Chiefs of Staff

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington—Biggest hassle inside the defense department, following Eisenhower's military reorganization, is to pick the new joint chiefs of staff.

Vince General Bradley, Vandenberg and Collins are near the ends of their terms anyway, this means Admiral William Fechteler would be the only joint chief to be fired outright. However, Secretary of the Navy Bob Anderson objects to firing Fechteler and was summoned to Naples last week to thresh the matter out with Secretary of Defense Wilson and Admiral Robert Carney, the man touted as Fechteler's successor.

Meanwhile, Ike has made it clear that he, himself, will appoint the new chairman of the joint chiefs, though he has promised Secretary Wilson not to pick someone Wilson can't work with.

Inside fact is that Ike's favorite is General "Toughy" Spaatz, the retired air force general and Pennsylvania Dutchman, who worked so well with Ike in Europe during the invasion. Secretary Wilson, believe it or not, leans toward Admiral Arthur Radford, the redheaded trouble maker who attacked the air force and set the Pentagon on its ear in the "battle of the B-36."

Another Pentagon mogul opposing Spaatz is Deputy Secretary of Defense Kyles who fears that "Toughy," an old personal friend of Ike's, will go over Wilson's head to the White House.

Presidential Breakfast Breakfasting with Senator Bridges of New Hampshire the other day, the president dropped further hints regarding the men he wants to run the armed services.

Chief of staff of the air force, he indicated, will probably be General Nate Twining, though General Ben Chidlow, now in Colorado Springs, is also under consideration. Ike said he considered Lt. Gen. Lauris Norstad the top young officer of the air force, though he needed more seasoning.

Ike stated quite bluntly that he was not impressed with Admiral Fechteler. He seemed enthusiastic, however, over "Raddie." Apparently Ike has completely forgotten that Admiral Radford was the leader of the Pentagon rebellion when Ike was supposed to be unifying the armed services as chief of staff.

Eisenhower told Bridges that the new army chief of staff would be picked from among Generals Al Gruenther, Matt Ridgway, or Mark Clark. If Ridgway is tapped, then Gruenther will take over NATO. If Clark is picked, then Gruenther would take over Clark's command in the Far East.

Note—Eisenhower made it plain that in reorganizing the joint chiefs of staff he was following the philosophy and advice of the man who has now come to be literally co-president—Senator Bob Taft. Taft has been urging that the Pentagon be turned back to civilian control and that the joint chiefs of staff play a decided second fiddle to the ci-

vilian secretary of defense. Under Roosevelt, and especially under Truman, it was the joint chiefs of staff who ran the show.

Other democrats in the house of representatives who stepped up to help stranded Maybe and the republicans were: Mel Price of Illinois; Ray Madden of Indiana; John Blatnik of Minnesota; Clement Zablocki of Wisconsin; Harley Staggers of West Virginia; Clair Engle and Chet Hollifield of California; Wayne Hays of Ohio; Frank Karpert of Missouri; Herman Eberharter of Pennsylvania; and Jack Dempsey of New Mexico.

Ex-congressman Clinton McKinnon of California, democratic vice-chairman of California, issued a plea for all democrats to help. "However," said McKinnon, "we want the pachyderm labelled to show which end's the senate and which the White House. Today republicans seem a bit confused."

Mayor Tommy d'Alesandro, democratic mayor of Baltimore volunteered \$10 for hapless Maybe, but added: "If the republicans and the National Zoo don't want her, we'll take her to the Baltimore Zoo."

Mayor John B. Hynes, democratic mayor of Boston, expressed similar sentiments.

Elizabeth, La. (AP)—Another dynamite blast last night severed the five-inch gas pipeline serving this strike-torn community. It was the 14th dynamiting of the line. There were no reports of injuries. Unions involved in the strike, which began last September, are the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Workers and the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, both AFL.

14th Dynamite Blast In Strike Torn Town

Decatur, Ill. (AP)—C. L. Cal Waggoner is going to bet that it will rain in Decatur May 10—just like he has bet for the last 47 years.

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Salem 47 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL
May 5, 1906
Road supervisor W. W. Lander is constructing a first class dirt road between Lake Labish and Brooks, a distance of about three miles. For speeding a good trotting horse or driving a team of fine roadsters to the family carriage there is nothing equal to a good earth roadway says this Capital Journal editorial of 48 years ago. . . . One of the better brass bands in Oregon is the Parrott Mountain band, a musical organization of 13 members led by James Parrott. Their country homes are high up in the Yamhill mountains. But their music is beautifully played and they wear splendid blue uniforms trimmed with gold braid. . . . By a deal involving \$30,000,000 every electric light, power and traction company in the Lower Willamette valley, including Portland, has been forged into one vast consolidation of interests. The merger was accomplished yesterday by New York financiers. Citizen's Light and Traction Co. of Salem, operating the electric lighting system, the street railway and the gas plant is included in the consolidation. . . . Steaks and chops cooked to perfection. A good meal for 20c. White House restaurant, George Bros. props. . . . George F. Smith has purchased the once popular Strong's restaurant and, after refitting and refurbishing, will re-open May 8, as the Angelus.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Man Still Wears the Pants But Wife Picks 'Em for Him

By HAL BOYLE
New York (AP)—The man still wears the pants in the average American home—but it is the wife who picks the kind he wears. "My husband simply hates shopping," she says smugly. "He'd never buy a new suit unless I went along with him." I don't like to destroy any woman's illusion, but a wife who holds that idea is simply kidding herself. Most men love to go shopping and buy purty things to hang upon themselves and cloak nature's errors. Neither sex has a corner on this urge. But it is a mistake for a wife to think he brings her along on a suit-buying safari because he is color-blind or she has superior taste. He is simply afraid to go it alone. He waits her for the same reason he would like her by his side if he had to go into a lion's den for protection. For her fighting qualities, if real trouble breaks out. By himself a man has the same resistance against a clothing salesman as a worried worm has against a hungry robin. He doesn't know which way to turn. He buys what he doesn't want because he becomes frantic and can't say "No." Normally you can't blame this on the salesman. He's no spider, spinning a web of words to trap your pocketbook. He's just a plain, God-fearing, debt-owing, horse-playing, wife-listening fellow who earns an indoor living as he listens to his foot arches slowly crumble through the years. No, it is a man's own fault if he buys the wrong suit. The reason he does it is because he is frightened. He has been afraid of clothing stores since childhood. Here is how it all began: You are a little boy, and your mother takes you to a store to buy you a new suit. You and your mother are all alone in a strange new world, where a big tall, strange man pats you patronizingly on the back and says, "So this is the little man, eh?" And you look around and all you can see is row on row of little suits hung up on racks like headless children your own age. You feel uneasy. You run up to a mirror and peek in and see three boys instead of you. One boy is you. Who are the other two? You have never seen a three-way mirror before. Fascinated, you turn around and around and discover all three boys are you. But you have never seen yourself this way before. Your profile is a stranger. Is this the way you look to other people? It depresses you. You make a face at your reflection—and get three faces back. While you are still gloomy over discovering you have three faces instead of the one you are used to, you hear the tall strange man say firmly: "I think this one was made for him!" "Well, I don't!" says mother sharply, because she is tired. Oh, Oh! Mama and the tall strange man are fighting! Will he hit her? If he does, can she whip him? She is awful strong, but he is awful big. What can you do to help mama? Bite the man in the leg? Terrified, you run your eyes down the rack, pick out a suit you had liked when you first came in, and say: "Please, mama. I like this one!" Well, the sharp words end. Mama smiles, the big strange man smiles. You get a nice new suit, instead of being hung up on the rack yourself—as you had feared. But all your life you still have deep in you your childish dislike of the three-way mirror for showing you to yourself as you really look, and your fear of the tall strange man. That is the secret reason why a man takes his wife along when he buys a new suit. For the comfort of her presence—not the surety of her taste. So face it, ladies. When you go into a clothing store with the man you're married to, it isn't your husband you're with. You are simply leading by the hand his mother's small boy, secretly as confused as ever.

New Boat Coloma in Charge

A. D. Pettyjohn & Son will start running a regular schedule between Salem and Independence May 7. Fare one way, 50c.

Many Rural Free Delivery Carriers Doing Larger Cancellation Business

Postoffice they have displaced. Roy Simeral, Macleay carrier, is cancelling from \$1.50 to \$3 a day and never less than \$20 a month. He is on the road from seven to eight hours daily, rain or shine, and makes 25 to 30 miles each day. Roy's salary is \$750 a year. He furnishes two horses and a cart. Feed, repairs, extra clothing, wear and tear, replacements and other expenses amount to \$300 a year leaving Simeral \$420 for his services.

Paper Merger's Fate In Hands of Judge

Portland (AP)—Fate of a temporary restraining order blocking a proposed exchange of stocks between Crown Zellerbach corporation and St. Helens Pulp and Paper company today was in the hands of Circuit Judge Lowell Mundorff.

Judge Mundorff Took Under Advice

Whether to continue the order after attorneys for both sides argued the case yesterday.

Advertisement for Continental Trailways. Text includes "RELAX", "LEAVE YOUR TRAVEL WORRIES BEHIND", "BUS CENTER", "520 NO. HIGH", and "PHONE 3-3815". Includes an illustration of a bus and the Continental Trailways logo.

Advertisement for Virgil T. Golden Co. Includes a large illustration of the funeral home building and portraits of Virgil T. Golden and Grace B. Golden. Text includes "Serving Salem and Vicinity as Funeral Directors for 25 Years", "605 S. Commercial St.", and "PHONE 4-2257".