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## STILL ANOTHER VIEW OF THE CITY MANAGER ISSUE

By BERNARD MAINWARING

Yesterday Charles A. Sprague in the Statesman and George Putnam in the Capital Journal expressed them-serves with their usual vigor and sureness on the relations between the mayor and council on the one hand and

the city manager on the other.

Today this writer adds his two bits worth and actually it is scarcely more than that, for his residence in Salem is still of less than three and a half months duration. His knowledge of the key figures is limited and brief; some of the council he does not know at all.

But municipal and other public issues are not new to him, and if he is new to Salem he is at least free from prejudices engendered by past political controversies.

Yesterday he and Steve Stone, the veteran city editor

of the Capital Journal, interviewed Mayor Loucks upon

this matter, questioned him closely, noting carefully his attitude as well as his answers.

The attitude of the mayor and those of the council who agree with him, which appears to be most if not all, is one of complete confidence in the integrity, diligence and professional competence of the city manager. This was expressed with vigor and indeed with enthusiasm by the mayor.

The complaint of the elected employes of the city about the manager has to do solely with other phases of his duties, his alleged failure to control some of the city departments, and to get numerous little chores done, to the embarrassment and harassment of the councilmen.

We suspect now that this complaint has been laid be fore the entire public, the manager, if he has been negligent, will bend every effort to meet the criticism. To what extent it is justified this writer has not been here long enough to know. The average Capital Journal reader will be in a better position to appraise it from his own experience with city departments. We were im-pressed with the evident sincerity of the mayor in voicing it, and in his entire lack of malice.

There is evidently another issue of policy between the mayor and councilmen and the city manager. The elected group apparently believes it should take a more active part in framing city policy through committees of its own members and committees of citizens than does the city manager. We say "apparently" because the city manager has not as yet made clear his own attitude. Here a basic difference of view on the extent to which the

city manager should manage.

This writer never lived in a city manager town before coming to Salem and does not know which view is right or which represents general practice under the manager plan, which the mayor says he and the council support fully. But he has always understood that policy making is in the hands of the people's elected representations.

tatives under the manager setup.

Here, we believe, is what this headline making "situation" is about. We are not prepared to offer an opinion as to who is right, and we doubt if anyone knows for sure. as to who is right, and we doubt it anyone knows as to who is right, and we doubt it anyone knows as to who is right, and we doubt it anyone knows a suggest suit case are reunited, you borthat they are ones upon which good, sincere men, such as row a compass and set out for your real destination — the

We do suggest that the present city manager has on the whole done an outstanding job for Salem, this based upon what most everybody appears to believe, and should be treated with the greatest courtesy and consideration by the mayor, the council and the public. And in justice them you are bound to get to the mayor and the council it should be pointed out that it was not they who dragged the matter before the public while they were in apparent good faith trying to find an equitable solution to what they viewed as a seri-ous problem.

# STREAMLINING DEFENSE

President Eisenhower's plan for reorganization of the U.S. defense administration, recently submitted to congress followed the recommendations of the three months old committee he appointed to study the problem. Need for revision has long been recognized by both the Pentagon and congress, but the turmoil created when congress patched up the 1947 Federal Security Act five years ago by the partisans of three services, army, navy and air made congress and even President Truman hesitant to tackle the project.

So Eisenhower decided to present his proposals in the form of a "reorganization plan," which cannot be amended by congress, does not invoke committee hearings and automatically becomes law unless the senate or the house

rejects it within 60 days. The president's revision committee was composed of Nelson Rockefeller, chairman, General Omar Bradley, Scientist Vannevar Bush, President Milton S. Eisenhower of Penn State College, Office of Defense Mobilization Chief Arthur Flemming, former Secretary of Defense

Robert A. Lovett, RCA Board Chairman David Sarnoff.
In presenting the program on a subject with which
Eisenhower had a more intimate knowledge of the nation's military machine and its failures than anyone
else, he said, "I address the congress on a subject which has been of primary interest throughout all the years of my sdult life." And it unquestionably presents his solution of the problem.

The program has three major objectives: More effiimproved strategic planning and greater civilian control, stated Ike. The magazine Time thus summarizes the changes necessary:

the changes necessary:

"Transfer of management of the joint staff, an important working-level panel of about 200 top officers, from the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a body to the chairman of the joint chiefs alone. End result substantial increase in the authority of the chairman, at the expense of the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Abolition of three 'slow and clumsy tools'—the munitions board, the research and development board and the defense supply management agency. To take over their functions as well as those of other boards, committees and advisers, the president recommended the creation of six new assistant secretary of defense. Result: strengthened control for the secretary of defense—and, incidentally, elimination of about 500 defense department employes.

"Transfer of executive responsibility for a unified, multisservice command from one of the joint chiefs (e.g., Korea under Army General J. Lawton Collins, Alaska under Air Force General Hoyt Vandenberg) to a civilian service secretary. Result: more civilian control and a further confinement of the joint chiefs to their role of 'military advisers.'

"Affirmation of the authority of the secretary of defense to delegate his functions as he sees fit, to insure flexible administration, expeble of decentralization."



DIG THAT!

## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

# 'Hurry Up and Wait' Is Airplane Traveler's Fate

By HAL BOYLE

At a Midwest Airport (47)—

A man who travels regularly York in three hours, if a man by air today no longer lives at home. He spends most of his life at airports.

the air from Chicago to New York in three hours, if a man can watch his fingernalls grow while he is trying to get from the airport into town?

The alogan of the air age is the same as the Army's:
"Hurry up and wait."

A fellow might just as well divorce his wife and marry an of the past, inhabited by wood-

divorce his wife and marry an airplane. You don't have time more advanturous tourists. airplane. You don't have time in one life to wait for both of willing to under go any hardthem to get ready.

The airplane is an instrument of hurry which is sup-posed to get you from city to city. It doesn't do that at all. It gets you from one reformed cow pasture to another. Then you sit down and wait for your baggage, which supposedly is in the belly of the plane but actually follows by oxcart.

All airports are waystops in futility. They all look exactly alike and have one thing in

The typical airport has a soft-drink machine which is empty, and a pinball machine that is broken but will accept your coin anyway. It has a few tions in Korea. Her premier and Korea. hard oak benches, a news-minister of defense, Field Marhard oak benches, a news-minister of defense, Field Mar-stand with yesterday's papers, shal Pibul Songgram refers and a lunchroom stocked with contemptuously to the official tidbits left over from the Spanish-American War.

Communist publication Pravda as "Bluffda."

There is absolutely nothing to do at an airport except take off your shirt and contemplate your navel, and if you do who can invent something you can do while waiting at an airport — anything at all — is sure of a niche in the hall of fame.

Not Much Defense

put a widow's walk on the roof, so a passenger could pace back and forth and scan the skies, waiting for his ship to

My theory is that the air age has brought America to the crossroads. Sooner or later we are going to have to choose the communist to the communist to the rainy season rather than to any opposition the Reds met. Nor will it be any permanent salvation. between living at airports or actions in the past, the invasion

well start adjusting himself to them. It is high time we their signals mixed or deliberstarted gradually deserting our out-of-date cities, and began building new temples of culture around our airports. What graduant tree around our airports what the started gradually deserting our started gradually deserting our started gradually deserting times are started gradually deserting times are started gradually deserting our started gradually deserting gra ture around our airports. What ern nations of something that good does it do to zip through military leaders have known

# **OPEN FORUM**

To the Editor: Sheep in the cemetery, walking over the graves of the dead.

REG-MANNING TE

This is a poor advertisement for Salem with all the people passing this cemetery on the highway. It looks like there ought to be some other meth-

R. MARTIN,

## Faculty Monopolize Ugliest Man' Event

ship to get a snapshort of a quaint, former way of life. Yes, sir, the bright new cities of the future will be ringed around the big paved cow pas-Ugliest Man on the Campus."

tures where the sky birds nest. The airport will be the city. The trouble with the air-voyager today, stuck at an airfaculty members.

port with nothing to do be-port with nothing to do be-tween planes, is that he was born just a half century too lina's highways.

# **Anti-Red Thailand Now** Menaced by Laos Attack

By PHIL NEWSOM

spokenly anti-Communist.

She has troops fighting along-side those of other United Na-

In a matter of two weeks, Communist invaders of the little Indo-Chinese kingdom of Laos overran a third of the

It illustrated the pitiful state The least they could do is of Southeast Asia defenses.

of the rainy season rather than

Like some other Communist between living at airports or in cities. The prospect of commercial jet plane travel will orobably force a solution. The jets require airports so distant from any settled place it will no longer be practical to make the journey from airport to city.

Since the big aluminum sky birds can't adjust themselves to man, I think man might as well start adjusting himself to Russian the United Nations were resuming Korean truce talks after an eight-months' delay.

A Little Mixed Up

It seemed as if the Chinese Reds might either have gotten

There Are No Lower Fares on the highway the best way is GREYHOUND

## Sheep in Cemetery Poor Ad for Salem

od of cleaning it up.

In the early polling, the leading seven contenders were all

Of all the Southeast Asia na- all along—that we would find tions Thailand is the most out- it almost impossible to fight off a full-scale invasion of South-east Asia while at the same time making a major effort in

The biggest species of ani-

# Both American and British authorities were stunned by the communist sweep in British Guina's recent elections. The Reds, parading under the banner of the Peoples' Progressive Party, won 18 out of 24 seats in the house of assembly. This means the communists are in complete control of the are in complete control of the legislature and will have a ma-

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

**Reds Win Power in British** 

war.

SOVIET STRENGTH

one year ago, the United States also had about the same stomic

weapons it has today.

Yet in the short period that

push-button war

CONTINUES

was in Europe rapping Euro-pean nations over the knuckles for failure to raise 75 land jor voice in running this Britsh crown colony.

The only way to prevent communist control would be army divisions this year. At communist control would be to take away the peoples' new political independence and re-store the full authoritarian power of the British governor. However, the British fear this would boomerang and drive even more natives into com-munist arms.

nunist arms. What worries officials even more, is that communism may be spreading throughout the British West Indies, threatening the vital American life line through the Panama Canal. The United States is now main-taining an air base in British Guina itself, though the base has been reduced to house-

reeping status. The man responsible for the The man responsible for the Red coup in British Guina is Cheddi Jagan, a tough, ruthless communist agent who studied dentistry in the United States but got his political training behind the iron curtain. He is now Red boss of the heaves of search like the state of the leaves of the the house of assembly, which means that Moscow, in effect, is giving orders to a British colonial legislature.

Jagan was able to inflame and dupe the natives with the help of his American wife who stumped the countryside in a native sari. Meanwhile, British and Am-

erican diplomats are still at a loss as to what to do about this grave, new communist threat in our own backyard.

### DANGEROUS DE-FENSE CUTS

Berkeley, Calif. 0.50—Twenty entrants filed their names in a contest at the University of California to determine "the Ugliest Man on the Campus."

You can write it down as certain that the democrats will split seriously with Eisenhower for the first time over his drastically reduced defense budget. The issue will be drawn on the argument that Ike is endanger. ing national safety.

Here are some of the facts

which are sure to come up dur-ing public debate and back-stage huddles over defense re-

1. The Soviet, despite talk about peace, hasn't reduced its defense by one plugged ruble.

2. A little over a year ago, Eisenhower himself, then NATO commander, was calling for 120 European divisions. Now we're settleing for something over 50.

3. Though Ike is allegedly relying on "push-button war," actually he has cut the air force more drastically than any other branch of the armed serv-And the air force is the chief means of waging push-

# Salem 19 Years Ago By BEN MAXWELL

Washington — While most of the nation has been worried about Indo-Chins, Korea and Europe, the state department has been exchanging frantic cables with the British foreign office over the surge of communism in the Caribbean-just across from the Panama Canal.

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Both American and Parama Canal Ca

Royal Anne cherries was paid to growers delivering to Wil-lamette Cherry Growers, Inc. according to an announcement just made covering last year's

crop.

Flea, beetles, two species of which are now found in Oregon, constitute a series menace Another fact difficult to overlook is that just three nonths ago, John Foster Dulles to potato production in this state.

A group of professional and business men and women met the time Dulles was scolding Thursday evening to organize Furopean foreign ministers a "Holman for Governor" club.

> build a new, two story school-house on the site of an older structure built 40 years ago.

has elapsed, and with no im-portant change in our atomic strength, we are suddenly re-lying on push-button war— though simultaneously decreas-ing the air arm which wages nal Order of Eagles held a meeting in Silverton Thursday that area.

Simultaneously, Russia has 175 army divisions, the sat-ellites have 75 additional divisions, and the Soviet is employing one million men in atomic, guided missle and other and the steel put down in 1910. Aurora to replace old, 90 pound er weapon experiments. In comparison the west has a little over 50 division in Europe.

push-button war, but on a po-litical promise to reduce the

budget and taxes. Another disturbing change of defense strategy is Charles E. Wilson's switch of defense evening's program. orders from a wide variety of factories to big U. S. factories.

Secretary of Defense Wilson proposes that defense orders now be concentrated in a few big factories on the ground that their production will be more efficient and less expensive.

However, the basic defense plan of Ex-Secretary of Defense Lovett was to scatter defense orders among many factories for the purpose of getting them tooled up and ready to produce munitions in a hurry—if and when war broke. For in wartime, a nation has to use less efficient plants as well as efficient; so Lovett's plan was to get smaller plants geared

for defense work, too.

Furthermore, he believed the nation could not risk the denger of having derense of derense of derense oncentrated in a few big white.

It has been subjected to harit has been subjected to harit has been subjected to harbombing.

at the expense of national ment

budget cuts shows City. Given an order to make

This leaves the air force vir-tually absorbing all of the budget cut, namely \$5.1 bil-lions. Yet air power is abso-lutely essential to push-button

the time Dulles was scottons the United States had exactly the same atomic weapons that it has today.

Furthermore when General Eisenhower was demanding that Europe raise 120 divisions that Europe raise 120 divisions Joseph Roman.

Thursday evening to organize a "Holman for Governor" club. Officers are: Hal D. Patton, W. W. Rosebraugh, Miss Golda Wheeler, Miss Eula McCully, Mrs. David Wright, Claude E. Ellison, Henry W. Meyers and Joseph Roman. Butteville school district will

State officials of the Frater-

and reorganized the order in New rails weighing 112 pounds to the yard are being laid between Hubbard and

Labor unions will be a thing In brief, the Eisenhower adminitration appears to be relying not on a genuine plan for push-button war, but or a grant of the past in 25 to 50 years says Dr. Robert Montgomery, one of the South's foremost economists, in defending the New Deal philosophy of Barrier and thing of the past in 25 to 50 years says Dr. Robert Montgomery one of the South's foremost economists, in defending the New Deal philosophy of Barrier and thing of the past in 25 to 50 years says Dr. Robert Montgomery one of the South's foremost economists, in defending the New Deal philosophy of Barrier and the past in 25 to 50 years says Dr. Robert Montgomery, one of the South's foremost economists, in defending the New Deal philosophy of Barrier and the past in 25 to 50 years says Dr. Robert Montgomery, one of the South's foremost economists, in defending the New Deal philosophy of Barrier and the past in 25 to 50 years says Dr. Robert Montgomery, one of the South's foremost economists, in defending the New Deal philosophy of Barrier and the South's foremost economists, in defending the New Deal philosophy of Barrier and the South's foremost economists, in defending the New Deal philosophy of Barrier and the South's foremost economists.

George Bennett will return to the local wrestling arena next Tuesday when he meets Robin Reed in a final event of the

# WE HAVE IT TOO (Astorian - Budget)

Any time we northerns are inclined to point scornfully at the south for its treatment of Negroes, let us recall such incidents as the burning of a cross in the lawn of a Portland Negro family - only one of many such incidents in Portland and other northern cities where Negroes live in substantial numbers.

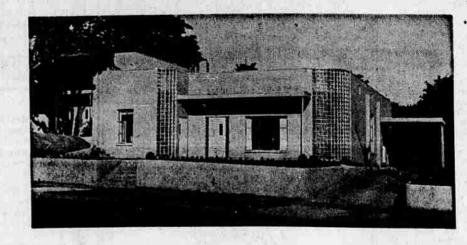
The Negro runs into just as much prejudice, intolerance and segregation in the north as he does in the south-sometimes more.

The Portland family which had the cross burned in its lawn had committed no other offense than to move into

assment of several kinds, but has decided to insist on its Wilson now plans to change this. Probably he will save the Most people, except those in taxpayers some money, but defense chiefs fear it will be hope the Negroes win the argu-

Note — One of the slowest production jobs in the nation is being performed by the General Motors plant at Kansas schedule. schedule.

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