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FIRST HALF OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD

The second Republican congress since the end of the gay twenties has checked out of Washington after a six months plus stand, so appraisals are in order, following partisan prejudices in too many instances.

Probably most of the criticism will center on what many regard as two failures on the fiscal front. Congress neither balanced the budget nor cut taxes. Both were promised by Republican campaigners last year, but fortunately no time limit was set.

Actually we think this was one of the brighter phases of the current congress. It didn't balance the budget, but it did reduce appropriations \$12 1/2 billions below President Truman's recommendations and nearly \$3 1/2 billions below Eisenhower's. This is applying a pretty sharp economy axe and the fact that it wasn't sharp enough to produce a balanced budget only goes to show what a mess things were in after 20 years of deficit spending.

Congress was wise to refuse to cut taxes when no budget balance was in sight, regardless of what some impatient miracle seekers say. It acted only under heavy pressure from the administration, but whatever the reasons it did the right thing in keeping taxes up till the end of the calendar year.

The record is not as good in some other respects. Too many important questions were shoved over to next year. Among these are statehood for Hawaii and Alaska, a decision on Senator Bricker's measure to restrict the treaty making power of congress, a long overdue overhaul of the Taft-Hartley act, a general tax revision (not necessarily composed of reductions), a program to combat the current problem of falling farm prices at a time when other prices remain high, and others.

Granted that the postponed issues are troublesome, possibly "too hot to handle." But will they be less troublesome in an election year? Obviously not. Well thought out solutions will come harder then than now. The administration and the Republican party might have done better to have kept congress on the job a few weeks longer till at least a few of these problems could have been acted upon, instead of pushing them all forward into the political maelstrom next year.

MOORES MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY

Salem was visited Tuesday by the best known of north-west sculptors, Dr. Avarad Fairbanks, dean of the college of fine arts at the University of Utah, maker of many anniversary monuments displayed throughout the nation.

As his artistic contribution to anniversaries Dr. Fairbanks has made statues, plaques and monuments for centenals, silver, golden and diamond jubilees. His interest has been in individuals and their efforts in government, dignitaries, state and various industries.

Among his creations are several well-known monuments to pioneers of the west, among them the Pioneer Family erected in front of the state capitol at Bismark, North Dakota. His design for the Old Oregon Trail markers was used in the Trail Centennial postage stamp honoring the territories of Oregon. Another design was his centennial seal for the state of Utah, presented as a medal to all Utah pioneers.

Who's Who in America lists over a half column of Dr. Fairbanks' artistic creations. All of his sculptures are full of life, action and character and rank high in consideration of both people and art critics. Above all they are original and reflect the spirit of the west.

Moreover, Dr. Fairbanks has an Oregon background. His brother, the late John Lee Fairbanks, was professor of art at the Oregon State College at Corvallis from 1923 until his death in 1946. He also was a distinguished painter, sculptor and stained glass artist. Dr. Alvard himself was assistant professor of art at the University of Oregon from 1920 to 1927, associate professor of sculpture at the University of Michigan from 1927 to 1947, and since then with the University of Utah.

How the commission to select an appropriate memorial for the early Oregon pioneers for Salem under the bequest of the late Carroll L. Moores, overlooked Dr. Fairbanks is a mystery. With Renoir's Venus rejected the new commission certainly should consult Dr. Avarad Fairbanks on a suitable pioneer memorial—for he has demonstrated not only his artistic ability but knows the subject thoroughly. The opportunity should not be passed up.—G. P.

CUTTING JOE DOWN TO SIZE

Some statesmen are more kindly treated by posterity than they ever were while they were alive. Lincoln is an outstanding example.

But a dictator had better get his while he is alive, for assuredly he won't after he is gone and no longer able to dictate what is said. "Uncle Joe" Stalin would find this out if he could return to the haunts he knew so well and where he was kingpin so long.

Stalin hasn't been dead very long, but already the Communist party is out with a revised history of the last 50 years, which covers the party from its inception through more than 35 years of power. And Stalin is just another Joe, like Palooka almost.

The patron saint of the new history is Lenin, the original dictator, who didn't trust Stalin and hoped he wouldn't be his successor. Lenin is the patron saint, Stalin is cut down to size. He is no longer the allwise ruler, the discoverer of everything of consequence since the beginning of time.

Russia's new rulers are not ready yet to build up Stalin's successor to the size of a red god, mainly because they don't as yet know his identity. But they are agreed on one important policy: To reduce Stalin to a rather ordinary mortal.

Stalin, we suppose, should have anticipated this and lived forever. He would have had to. Better to have been the leader of a democratic country like Harry Truman who was cut down to such a small size by an army of critics while he was still in office that he had only one way to go—up—after he retired.

CONSTRUCTION DECLINES

Albany—Total cost of residential and business building construction during July was just \$41,100, a drop of \$36,900 from July of 1952, Paul Ash-

ton, city building inspector, reported Tuesday. The number of permits issued during July of this year was 13, compared to 22 permits, which called for \$78,000 in construction, issued in July of last year.

THE MEASURE OF RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Mrs. Hobby Backs Cutback In U. S. Medical Research

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—While Senator Taft was fighting for his life in a New York hospital, a matter involving a cure for cancer came up in congress which disturbed his senate colleagues.

Mrs. Ovela Culp Hobby, secretary of health, education and welfare, sent a letter to Director Joe Dodge of the budget bureau indicating that her budget for cancer research alone be cut by some \$5,000,000 and asking that her total budget of medical research be cut by \$10,000,000.

It seemed to senators that this was a matter of balancing the budget at the expense of human life.

The proposed Truman budget for medical research was \$70,000,000. But the efficient Mrs. Hobby, earlier in the year, had drastically cut this to \$44,000,000. Disagreeing, the senate upped the figure to \$59,000,000.

It was this increase by the senate which brought Mrs. Hobby's objection. Writing to Budget Director Dodge on July 11, she called attention to the fact that the senate was voting more money for her department than the house of representatives. Of this, she said, "more than \$10,000,000 is in the area of medical research."

"The larger increases suggested," continued Secretary Hobby, "might tend to discourage participation by private or other non-federal funds. Therefore, the House levels of appropriation in the medical research field would seem to deserve consideration."

Tragedy is that private fundraising for medical research has never been remotely adequate. Walter Winchell, who has faithfully plugged for cancer research for years, has only been able to raise \$5,000,000 in that time. In comparison, Congress has voted approximately \$20,000,000 for cancer every year.

Mrs. Hobby proposed that cancer money be reduced this year to \$15,780,000, which was a cut of \$6,220,000 from the Truman budget.

With Senator Taft dying and with three other senators out of four dead of cancer in the past three years — Wherry of Nebraska, Vandenberg of Michigan and McMahon of Connecticut—Congress in the end voted against Mrs. Hobby. They voted \$20,237,000 for cancer — about what Truman had proposed.

Note—While proposing a decrease for cancer, Mrs. Hobby got President Eisenhower to write a letter to Senator Thye of Minnesota asking that Congress increase funds for her own office by \$150,000.

PENTAGON PIPELINE

Though on guard against Soviet treachery, the official U. S. attitude is that Russia has entered a period of moderation. U. S. policy is now based on the belief that the Kremlin wants to reduce outside friction and consolidate its position behind the Iron Curtain. . . . Gen. Omar Bradley, outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stressed at the recent Quantico, Va., get-together that

the Joint Chiefs were supposed to stick to military matters, not interfere in policy making. This was intended as a hint to his successor, Adm. Arthur Radford, who strayed off the military reservation in his speech and started talking about U. S. policy in the Far East. . . . Chiang Kai-shek wants to pension off his overage soldiers. But here's the catch: He wants the American taxpayers to pay for it. So far, the U. S. military mission to Formosa has told him "no."

TAFT'S ILLNESS
The tragic death of Senator Taft has revived the question, very much discussed since Roosevelt's death, of physical examinations for candidates for the presidency and vice presidency. Following the death of President Roosevelt just five months after his election in 1944, it was charged that those close to him knew his health was failing and that he could not possibly last four years. It was charged that the big-city bosses, knowing this, had maneuvered to put their friend Harry Truman in the vice presidency.

Senator Taft was not in the same category. No one dreamed he was ailing. He appeared to be in excellent health when a candidate for the presidency last year. His case is more like that of Wendell Willkie, who died suddenly in the fall of 1944.

Nevertheless, if Taft had undergone a thorough physical examination before the Chicago convention it might have been possible to detect the beginning of his malignant illness and might have saved him.

Last summer the idea was also expressed that both Eisenhower and Stevenson should undergo physical examinations by doctors from the public health service so that the voters might know if there was any great possibility of Nixon or Sparkman taking over during the next four years.

It was known by a few people but not by the public that Eisenhower had a heart condition which required him to be careful; and since entering the White House his doctor has ordered him to take long weekends and golf three times a week.

Unfortunately, the strain on any man in the White House is so great that in recent years the life expectancy of our presidents has decreased. That's why the tragic death of Senator Taft has brought to a head the question of requiring all candidates for the presidency to undergo a thorough physical examination with the general results made known prior to the nomination conventions.

JUVENILE PROBE

Sen. Lone-Wolf Bill Langer, Republican, of North Dakota, who is a law unto himself and has been treated better by the Democrats than the Republicans, is appointing two Democrats to investigate juvenile delinquency with only two Republicans. Ordinarily Republicans are supposed to have a majority on all committees.

The Republicans are Sen. Bob Hendrickson of New Jersey, who co-authored the resolution calling for the delinquency probe, plus Langer himself.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE ESTES KEFAUVER OF TENNESSEE AND TOM HENNINGSON OF MISSOURI.

Kefauver is being appointed because he initiated the idea of the juvenile investigation and sought Hendrickson's cooperation. Henningson was picked because he has been an official of the Big Brother organization for about 25 years.

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GAIN FOR YAMHILL

McMinnville News-Register
There was real news in Saturday's report of true cash value gains in Yamhill county property for its owners blunt denial to those who visualize the economy of this area on the downswing. In gaining some \$2,157,748 in true value of county property over the previous year Yamhill was one of only 16 Oregon counties that showed actual increase.

The report placed Yamhill in 12th place among Oregon counties, in true value of property, which the state tax commission set at \$75,557,596. Although the county may have experienced some population loss, as southern areas of the state and northern California took over lumber operations that once were located here, business and residents of the county have gone ahead with progressive expansion.

People of Yamhill county have come to realize that the lumber industry is going to ease off steadily until it reaches a level that will hold on sustainably. But, they are replacing that loss with new business, new industry and increased attention to local processing of local resources.

YANKS GO NUDIST

Bricketts Wood Nudist Camp, England—American servicemen are enthusiastically joining this nudist camp. Camp Manager, Bertram Evans, said "more and more of the Air Force jads show up each weekend." "They like to get out of those hot uniforms," he added.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Changing Women's Styles Makes Man Feel Superior

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Nothing makes an American husband feel more superior than the way women worry about changing clothes styles.

It was a subject on which Wilbur Peeble, the nation's most average man, always enjoyed needling his wife.

"Well, well, Trellis Mae," he said joyously, "I see where some Parisian designers are trying to revive short skirts. How nutty can women get? Why don't they just put fringes on their bathing suits and wear them for evening gowns." "Oh, shut up," replied his wife. "Boy, oh boy," said Wilbur. "Don't tell me you gals are going to start dressing again like the high school flappers of the 1920's! Women never looked goofier in all history. This time everybody will be laughing at you."

"Can't you ever be quiet?" murmured Trellis Mae. Usually she paid no attention to her husband's rantings about women's styles. But this time he had struck home. For the prospect of a return to short skirts secretly dismayed her. The truth was that Trellis Mae was a bit knock-kneed, and she had reached an age where she thought her knees, when she walked, might be heard—but shouldn't be seen.

"What gets me," marveled Wilbur, "is how some French joker you never saw says, 'Wear this!'—and all you dames run like sheep to do what he says. What's the color going to be this year—gunny-sack brown?"

"The pig envies the peacock," said his wife. "How's that?" asked Wilbur, surprised. Then Trellis Mae blew up.

"Listen, my little sackcloth hero," she said. "Why don't you grow up and face life. Don't you know you're jealous?"

"Jealous? Who's jealous of what?"

"All you men are jealous. You're jealous of how much better women dress than you do. You don't even know what clothing is for."

"It's to cover you up, of course," said Wilbur. "Even women can't get away with running around more than half-naked. It's a matter of law."

"That shows how silly men are," replied Trellis Mae. They think clothing is just something to keep them warm in winter—and hot in summer. But clothes are an adventure with a woman, a weapon, a way to express her personality, to show she is different."

"Yeah. How can they be different when they follow the same style?"

"Don't be ridiculous," said Trellis Mae. "It's men who are afraid to be different."

"I don't follow that," said Wilbur indignantly.

"Look, you and all the other husbands I know think you're dressed up when you have on a black pair of shoes, a white shirt, a blue suit but one that isn't too blue, and a necktie you could wipe a postoffice pen on and nobody could see the ink stains. You all wear the same uniform, as if you were in an old-fashioned orphan home."

"It's just practical," said Wilbur defensively.

"That isn't it—it's fear," insisted Trellis Mae. "Why do you sneer at a man who wears a moustache or beard? Because he has the courage to be different, my little gutless wonder, and you don't."

"Well," said Wilbur lamely, "how about those blue summer shoes I'm going to buy?"

"You've been threatening to buy them for five years, and haven't got up the courage yet. And you'll probably never wear blue shoes unless I bury you in them."

Wilbur looked alarmed. "Y-y-you wouldn't bury me in blue summer shoes?" he asked uneasily.

"Why not?"

"Oh, I don't know."

"You think St. Peter will look at your shoes?"

"No-n-no, but it just doesn't seem right. You wouldn't do it, would you?"

"No."

"Black shoes?" prodded Wilbur.

"No," said Trellis Mae dreamily. "I think I'll bury you in golden sandals tied with a silver bow. When you go to heaven, I want you to stand out from the crowd." Wilbur dropped the topic of short skirts. The rest of the evening he kept glancing with a hunted look at Trellis Mae. He never could be sure when she was joking. He could see himself standing in golden sandals at the pearly gates—and the angels laughing. Trellis Mae wouldn't do that to him. Or would she?

TEMPORARY SETTLEMENT

Astorian-Budget
The debt limit dispute in congress has been settled with an agreement to wait until September and call congress back into special session if it becomes necessary to raise the limit before the year is out. The administration has pledged itself to do its utmost to keep the debt within the present statutory \$275 billion limit which, goodness knows, is already dangerously high.

Probably this is a good solution. It keeps the dire need for maximum economy constantly in the minds of all government officials.

If the administration can get throughout the year without the need of calling back congress to boost the limit, it will deserve the commendation of all of us.

BEST OF LUCK, CHAMP
Astorian-Budget
Today Chuck Mathre, Soapbox Derby champion of Astoria and several surrounding communities, leaves on his trip to Akron, O., to compete with the champions of some 150 other communities throughout the nation for the title of All-American Soapbox Derby champion of 1953.

The Astorian-Budget, co-sponsor of the local Soapbox Derby with the Lovell Auto company and Optimist club, wishes Chuck the best of luck, and the other sponsors join with us in these wishes.

He is a worthy representative of the community and we feel sure he will conduct himself with sportsmanship and skill at Akron. Win or lose, we will be proud of him.

PERFECT (?) ALIBI
Long Beach, Calif. (AP)—Used car dealer Leslie Kayler, arrested for speeding at 105 miles an hour, offered this excuse: "I was trying to beat my wife home. She's been out of town."

SPELL THIS ONE, PLEASE
Reno, Nev. (AP)—An unhappy marriage license clerk had an alphabet struggle when Lee Pearl Piltz, 41, of Brisbane, Calif., applied for a license to wed George Kulaniakapulaekanonu Kane, 30.

LURING TOURIST DOLLARS

Boise Statesman
Canada is finding the American tourist trade much less lucrative in the last year or two, and besides Canadians are taking more money out to spend in United States and other foreign travel, according to a note in Nation's Business. Last year Canada had record numbers of United States visitors, but they spent \$36,000,000 less than the previous year. Canadians traveling in the United States and elsewhere spent \$24,000,000 more than foreign tourists spent in Canada.

The explanation is simple, based on mere arithmetic and psychology. Canadian prices have risen more rapidly in the last few years than those in the United States. Previously the visitor from south of the border found prices appreciably lower than in the U.S. on meals, accommodations, clothing, souvenirs and many other things. Now he often finds prices equal to or even higher than those at home.

The Canadian dollar was re-valued in terms of the United States dollar a couple of years ago, making the U.S. dollar for the first time worth less instead of more in Canada. Previously the psychological factor of exchange encouraged the visitor to spend more money in Canada, because his dollar from home was worth \$1.05 or \$1.10. Now that factor makes him inclined to hang onto his dollar, which is worth only about 95 cents.

Tourists are like other people in wanting to get their money's worth. If they get goods and services at reasonable prices, which look at least as good as the ones at home, they'll spend liberally and come back again.

Salem 12 Years Ago
By BEN MAXWELL
August 5, 1941

German panzer forces had driven a 70-mile deep salient into the heart of Soviet defenses between Moscow and Leningrad.

Frank Durbin, 74, native son of Salem and former sheriff of Marion county, had died in a Portland hospital.

Leon Henderson, price administrator, had told the house banking committee that the United States "now stands on the brink of inflation."

Salem council had rejected a franchise granting Bonneville administration the right to erect power poles on Marion street to form a connection with Salem Electric cooperative.

Five concerns had submitted bids to sell parking meters to Salem on a trial basis.

All Japanese ships had vanished from Pacific coast ports and Tokyo had declared that no more would be seen in American ports for some time to come.

A tentative plan for operation of Salem's first aid car had been formulated by a special committee named by Mayor W. W. Chadwick.

Busick's had a 100-pound sack of pure cane sugar for \$5.10.

C. O. Rice, Salem city treasurer for 22 years, had entered Salem Deaconess hospital on account of illness.

Bryan H. Conley, coordinator for Marion county defense council, had for his evening radio address the topic "What Is Next in Civil Defense."

The National Geographic Society says the first locomotive to go into scheduled service in America was the Southern Railway's "Best Friend of Charleston."