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## A "NO" VOTE ON DAYLIGHT SAVING

Your state ballot contains an initiative measure to establish daylight saving time throughout all of Oregon except Malheur County and a small area in Baker County which already have Mountain time, between 2 a.m. the last Sunday in April and 2 p.m. the last Sunday in September.

Oregon has been arguing over daylight saving for a good many years. Most of the people in Portland are said to favor it, most of the people outside, including nearly all the farmers are said to oppose. This measure should decide the question as it should be, by majority rule. If a majority votes "yes" we'll have statewide daylight saving except for the areas referred to, which already have it. If the "no" votes prevail the agitation should cease, for a time at least.

This writer may have a "peculiar" attitude on daylight saving. He enjoys an extra hour of daylight in summer as much as anyone. Western Idaho where he lived 15 years before coming back to Oregon had year-round daylight saving through Mountain time, which was fine in summer, not so good in winter.

But he dislikes daylight saving and intends to vote against it November 2. Why? It seems impossible to impose it upon everyone, hence it leads to endless confusion. If one makes an eastern trip he finds some cities have it, others don't, so it's always a question as to what the time will be in the next place one is to visit.

Out here in the west some places have it, some don't. The trains and buses will stay on regular time. Some businesses will observe it and others won't. If you're going to attend something in another town you are in doubt which time will be used. Newspapers have a particularly disagreeable experience with daylight saving.

Maybe a "yes" vote would make daylight saving general over Oregon, but we doubt it. Rather we think the rural communities would generally ignore it, while the cities would observe it and we'd have two kinds of time, fast and slow. All through World War II a strip of country between Nampa, Idaho and Huntington, Oregon flouted national daylight saving and had a time all its own. It was an awful nuisance for those who lived at the edge of this belt, as the writer did.

Any organization can have daylight saving by simply advancing its hours during the summer, as a good many do. This will work and does not seriously inconvenience the public. We don't believe the daylight saving initiative will be approved and if it is we don't think it will be universally observed, which will be a headache for everyone.

So we recommend a "no" vote, but if you want daylight saving and are willing to take a chance on "confusion worse confounded" go ahead. We'll suffer through it somehow.

## BRITAIN'S PARALYZING DOCK STRIKE

The British "wildcat" dock strike is giving British Communist appeasers a foretaste of what they will probably experience on a much larger scale if they are successful in their efforts to admit Red China to the United Nations. The tie-up has paralyzed British major seaports, depriving the nation of vital food and other supplies.

There seems little question that the strike is a communist political move, just as the strikes in France and Italy are, a test of strength for a total tie-up in case of war.

Though the British laborites in their annual convention banned the Reds, the radical faction ignores the action, as shown by the 18-day dock stoppage, involving more than 43,000 men who are violating their union contract.

The walkout is loudly backed by the British Communists and stems from a demand by dockers for the right to reject overtime work, and picket all the docks, and few of the unions back them.

The still-growing stoppage hold 298 ships idle in London, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Hull, Southampton, Garston and Rochester. Fewer than 33,000 of the nation's 76,000 cargo handlers were working.

Export shipments, worth more than \$224 million are piled up on the wharfs. Food reserves, especially of imported eggs, butter and bacon, are dwindling rapidly.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill's government gives no sign of any immediate intention to use troops for unloading essential supplies, as has been done in previous major dock tie-ups.

A government board of inquiry, which began investigating the dispute yesterday, is expected to continue hearings until Saturday. The government likely will wait until the inquiry ends before ordering out troops.

Britain evidently faces another era of "austerity" and rigid food controls. Perhaps this will finally awaken the British to a realization of what communism means and convince even those so greedy for a bribe of Red markets for manufacturers, that they are willing to take the chance by coddling the Communists, of losing their liberties and becoming eventually citizens of a Red satellite—G. P.

## CHURCHILL SHAKES 'EM UP

Evidently Winston Churchill, now nearing 80 and ailing more or less all the time, isn't planning an early retirement, as most everybody hoped. For he has just made a drastic shake-up of his cabinet, changing 24 large and smaller positions, as if digging in for a prolonged stay at No. 10 Downing St.

Most important change was Harold MacMillan, a book publisher who is said to be a personal friend of President Eisenhower, put in charge of national defense, replacing Viscount Alexander, who was one of Britain's most successful commanders during the war, who has wished to retire.

Some American observers suggest that old Winnie is greasing the skids for his retirement in favor of Anthony Eden, but this doesn't look like it to us. His repeatedly postponed retirement is said to be because he is going to go on the wagon before the time. But not now.



## OPEN FORUM

### Sodium Fluoride a Rat Poison, Writer Claims

To the Editor: This coming election the people of Salem are going to vote on fluoridation. I wonder how many have taken the trouble to find out what effect sodium fluoride has on one's system?

Fluoridation, sodium fluoride, an artificial product is a bi-product of aluminum.

Sodium fluoride is a rat poison and is used to kill rats. You must have a prescription if you want to buy it in a drug store. Do you want to drink water that has fluoridation? I don't and I won't buy any canned goods that use water that has sodium fluoride in it, if I know it!

Some towns have voted it in because people didn't know that sodium fluoride is a poison.

Seattle and Albany, Oregon, voted it out as well as lots of other towns. Lots of medical doctors and dentists are against its use.

Water that has sodium fluoride in it increases in strength when it is boiled.

This sodium fluoride they are trying to put in our drinking water is an artificial product and not nature's natural fluoridation.

Someone is doing a good job of trying to find a market for a bi-product of aluminum. It is claimed that it only helps children till they are nine or ten years old.

It has been proven when they have tested fluoridation water on rats and monkeys that they have developed kidney trouble and brittle bones. Do we want to penalize the old people with fluorides? What about the people that have false teeth for 20 years or more? Do you think they want poison in their system?

I have lots of literature condemning this poison and I am surprised that the people of Salem hasn't risen up in arms against fluoridation.

Vote 54—NO, against fluoridation.

CHARLES H. FOWLER, 750 South High.

### Fluorine Found Fatal To Chinchilla Rabbits

To the Editor: "Hello, Test Animals... Chinchillas? Or You and Your Grandchildren?" by W. R. Cox of Gresham, Oregon is a 180 page book filled with local color and is easy reading.

M. Cox tells his experiences in the chinchilla business. His little animals began to die at the rate of one daily. He took dead animal after dead animal to Dr. S. P. Cynes of the Physicians Medical Laboratory in Portland for autopsy. Most reports came back marked "No apparent cause of death—Just the same the little chinchillas were dead."

At last Dr. E. I. Richardson, assistant professor of pathology at the University of Oregon Medical School took over the chinchilla case. An experiment was established at the school. R. E. Maters, toxicological chemist of Portland did the chemical analysis in the experiment. It was found the early animal death and the later sterility of the females was due to a toxic substance called fluorine.

These are the things Mr. Cox learned fluorine did to his little chinchillas. 1. The fluorine was accumulative in the animals' vital organs. 2. No antidote or treatment was found after they knew what was killing the fur animals. 3. The hair fell out. 4. The animals became sterile and could not reproduce any longer. 5. Fluorine prevented proper growth. 6. Cut the animal's life in half. They had lived to age 8 or 9 years but fluorine cut this time to 3 years. 7. Babies were born with fluorine.

The question is, "If these things be true of two rats, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, and chinchillas in the experiment, why isn't it true of human beings who drink artificial fluoridated city water?" There have been many people living and passing away in the cities having experimental fluoridation. Why haven't there been 1000 or more autopsies done to determine what happens to humans drinking artificial fluoridated water? Until there is an answer to these important questions, Salem better play safe and keep the water pure and avoid more experimentation.

J. A. ROMBOUGH, N. D., SALEM.

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Pearson Notes Doug McKay Called Him Liar, Retorts

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Generous Doug McKay, the likable secretary of the interior, let loose a blast at me the other day for describing him as generous in selling part of the Rogue River National Forest to a private mining company and for considering the releasing of the navy's and interior department's oil reserve in Alaska to private oil company exploitation.

This is the first time I have been called a liar by a member of the Eisenhower cabinet—an "honest" frequently bestowed upon me during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. The fact that the Eisenhower administration has been so mild-mannered has caused my wife to insinuate that perhaps the old man was slipping.

Of course, generous Doug McKay was a little more adroit with his language than some of his Democratic predecessors. They fired blunderbuss broadsides of earthy words not to be found in the dictionary. Secretary McKay, on the other hand, reached into Webster's and pulled out such choice, highfalutin terms as "calumnious" and "sinister innuendo."

Now the fact is—all kidding aside—that I have enjoyed the respite from name-calling under Eisenhower. Tough-skinned as I don't relish having this type of bouquet hurled in my direction. And though I am convinced that Secretary McKay has been far too generous with the public domain and will illustrate this point further and more conclusively later, I still don't relish being called names by such a nice guy as Doug McKay.

The Liar Scoreboard I suppose, however, that this is inevitable. For any newspaperman worth his salt in Washington necessarily must step on people's toes. He must offend people. And when he does, naturally they get mad and hurl epithets.

Clinton McKinnon, publisher of the Los Angeles News, asked me the other day what the score was on the name-calling business, and here is part of the "you're-a-liar" tabulation.

Congressman Bramblett of California hurled the liar charge and also sued for libel to the tune of \$1,000,000 when this writer accused him of taking kickbacks. A jury convicted him criminally just the same.

Attorney General Fred N. Hooper of California also used the liar charge and sued for \$350,000 when this writer charged him with taking money from a Long Beach gambler. A jury found that I had told the truth.

Sen. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma called me a liar when I reported that he had been speculating in the Tainoran racetrack at a time when veterans were supposed to have preference.

President Truman gave a new twist to the liar charge after I criticized his friend and military aide Gen. Vaughan, for accepting an Argentine medal at a time when Dictator Peron was maneuvering to get a large loan from the United States. Afterward, congress refused to approve Vaughan's medal and a senate committee found Vaughan guilty of considerable influence wirepulling, giving away deep freezes, demanding army officers who tangled with John Maragon, and getting building materials for the Tainoran racetrack at a time when veterans were supposed to have preference.

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## NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

### Wilson Reminds Us Business Men Often Not Politicians

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON—It did not require Charles E. Wilson's dogmatic flight of speech to prove that the nation's biggest and most successful businessmen do not make the smartest politicians.

In a misery-loves-company charade since the Defense Secretary's seminar on human and canine laziness, the majority of his Cabinet associates agree that they, too, are innocents abroad in a Washington wilderness of words.

Long before the Wilson faux pas, if such it was, business and industrial executives have been questioned on their experiences as national figures, and on their reaction to the transformation from Blister to Mister Secretary. Most of them admit frankly that they do not enjoy public life, and that they accepted appointment only because they considered it a civic duty.

When they backed away from Cabinet assignments, Ike retorted: "You fellows have always complained that the government was being run and ruined by the politicians! Now, it is up to you to take over, and to demonstrate that you can do a better job!"

Sacrificed Salaries—Almost every Cabinet member—in fact, all but one—took a steep cut in salary. They also abandoned czaristic control of small or large corporations for service in a goldfishbowl organization. They gave up many personal comforts and solaces which they enjoyed as highly-paid, private citizens. As one asked me in a bitter tone: "How many men and women, with a sufficient income and assured security in private industry, would swap those blessings to be a Mayor or a City Commissioner, when low pay and brickbats are the order of the day?"

Anyhow, they came to Washington for one reason or another. But they find their training handicap them severely in the pro bono public business. Here are, in brief, their own explanations.

Politically Inarticulate—For one thing, they are accustomed to tuning their thoughts and utterances to a passionate, partisan multitude. They are not politically articulate. They forget that their audience is a nation of 160,000,000 people instead of a sympathetic board of directors. Wilson's General Motors associates would have been wowed by his up-to-date Aesop's Fable. Labor was not Ike's Cabinet members do not possess the rolling and ready tongue of their Roosevelt-Truman predecessors, who were drawn from the lists of politicians, professors and lawyers. They were master-performers in pitching their appeals to public mobs, classrooms and juries. They doted on political sex instead of logic or economics. F.D.R. was their tutor.

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## THIS SHOULD BE GOOD

Pendleton East Oregonian

Baseball fans will own and operate the Portland Beavers in the Pacific Coast league next season. Some fun can be anticipated when a \$10 stockholder decides to tell the manager how to run the ball club.

Dollar state lines were advertising a round trip to Portland for \$1.30.

Louis Lachmund, Salem business man recently returned from New York, had said that odds were 12 to 5 on Roosevelt with no Hoover money being offered.

Fourth annual high school principal's conference had been set for this weekend in Salem 22 years ago.

W. E. Rigney, keeper of Salem's Hotel de Minto, had reported that 100 meals were being served daily to jobless men.

"Are these men public enemies? Obviously they are not!" had been the reply of Patriotic League for Better Business made in its appeal to voters in behalf of the democratic platform.

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