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Another Insurance Headquarters

Selection of Salem for the Northwest headquarters of the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company whose main office is at Bloomington, Ill., is one of the most important single events in the steady march of Salem toward a future we suspect is much bigger than even our most enthusiastic boosters envision.

For the immediate future the choice means the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars in construction, to be followed by the establishment of new jobs for 300 persons, with a starting payroll of at least a million dollars a year. The insurance business grows steadily and this company will grow with it.

This is the second time within a year that a big midwestern insurance company has looked the cities of the Northwest over and has found Salem to be the answer. We appear to be the best location for a regional insurance headquarters office, for we have everything needed, central location, transportation, communications, and probably most important of all now days, a splendid place for the personnel to live.

Salem appears well on the way to becoming "the Hartford of the West," or if not the whole West, at least the Northwest. Hartford is also a capital city, and one of the most, stable, prosperous cities in the entire nation by reason of its insurance payrolls, which are among the most dependable of any industry, and bring as fine a class of people to a city as any possibly could.

Selection of Salem by State Farm Mutual has been long sought by Salem's leaders. Ed Schreder, prominent local realtor, revealed yesterday that in 1951 Silas Olson and Earl Cook returned home from a convention of State Farm Mutual representatives with the word that within a few years the company planned to locate a regional headquarters in the Northwest. The Chamber of Commerce, of which Schreder was then president and Clay Cochrane, manager, got busy right away, and has watched this situation ever since.

For about a year the State Farm Mutual project has been a sort of "Operation Overlord," like the European invasion was so long during World War II. A hush, hush nothing must be said about publicity because of the danger of arousing what it was felt would eventually be frustrated hopes in Portland, Eugene, Vancouver and other points. Not a word appeared in Salem newspapers, but letters, telegrams, etc., made their way from here to Bloomington where friendly interest was evidenced.

Finally Salem was inspected several weeks ago on one of the worst days of a very ornery winter. The insurance executives said they liked Salem but weren't impressed with the available sites. So the Chamber went to work again on this phase, looked over everything that seemed to come close to filling the bill and urged them to return for a new look, under better weather conditions. This was done this week, with results you already know.

The difficulty was that the company insisted upon a big site for a large one story building, with plenty of room for landscaping, parking, expansion, etc., on a main highway for the advertising value its beautiful plant would secure, with water, sewage, highway access, etc. Finally a site that met the specifications, and the further one of availability at a price the company was willing to pay was found, and signed for by the company.

The Salem newspapers watched this drama eagerly, all their instincts to break out with banner headlines submerged in the interest of the community. When the deal was finally closed the company insisted, properly enough, on making its own announcement in its own way, from Bloomington, to which its executives flew from here Tuesday night.

The Capital Journal had its 96-point banner type all dusted off for the big announcement Thursday, but the release did not arrive here till after 3 p.m., with our papers almost all off the press. So we were "scooped" but much more pleased than if we had gained a scoop "Insurance Project Lost," which could have happened.

Many individuals, Chamber and city officials, realtors and others worked together for many months to bring this enterprise to Salem. The benefits will endure as long as Salem does, and grow through the years. Seldom has effort been so abundantly rewarded. And we are sure State Farm Mutual will always feel that a wise choice was made.

Disarmament Deadlock

Three separate disarmament plans have been submitted and preliminary examination of them completed by the United Nations subcommittee seeking arms reduction and control, submitted by the United States, the United Socialist Soviet Republic and by France and Britain at London. There is some agreement in prinicple that has engenrered false optimism over a break in the 10 years' deadlock existing since the end of World War II.

The new effort was inspired by world-wide fear of an atomic war that would destroy civilization. But as long as the Soviet rulers refuse real cooperation and still follow their ojective of world conquest, and continue to repudiate their agreements, disarmament is impossible.

Despite their repudiation of Stalin, the collective Soviet dictatorship continues to proclaim its goal of destroying the free world. Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the London conference admitted that we are not nearer but further from disarmament. Which is true, despite the new emphasis on "peaceful" means of accomplishing it. That goal requires keeping Russia an arsenal for revolution, keeping the subjugated nations in submission—to prevent interference.

The Russians of course favor disarmament of the West while keeping its own armament intact including atomic weapons. So it proposes a cut in the armed forces of the United States, Russia and Red China to 1,500,000 men each, with 650,000 for Britain and France, and not more than 200,000 for any of the others, the neutralization and disarmament of Germany.

This would not leave the West enough forces to man the present defense lines and bases, and would endanger even defense forces of the Allies; mean the end of th NATO and free world alliances and divide a free world disarmed. And the Soviet would leave enforcement to the UN Security Council, where Russia can veto any action.

The United States' plan submitted embodies the Eisenhower Geneva proposals and takes account of present day realities. The Anglo-French plan discounts the Soviet menace. It provides for an armed force of 2.5 million men each for the United States, Soviet Russia and Red China, 750,000 each for France and Britain with up to 500,000 each for others including Germany, by which the free world could defend itself against Red aggression.—G. P.

Fine Names for the Schools

The Capital Journal is very much pleased with the selection of Waldo and Judson as the names of the new junior high schools, soon to be erected.

We were the first to protest when it was proposed that they be named Washington and Lincoln. We insisted that Salem had more originality than this, with plenty of honored local names. We mentioned Willson and Judson as two good ones to go with Parrish and Leslie as the donation land claims for the four sections on which the central part of Salem stands were issued to these families.

A little later when the names of Waldo and Meek were suggested we moved an amendment to Waldo and Judson, Waldo a local name where Meek was not, and a very honored one too; Judson preferable to Willson if both of these were not to be chosen because the Judsons have stayed in Salem to help build the town, and a fine park bears the name of Willson.

Other good names were suggested and will doubtless be considered for future schools. But only two could be picked this time and it is hard to see how two better ones could have been designated. The four junior high schools will all bear splendid names of local historic significance.

Test Blast

Kefauver Makes Big Gain in South Against Stevenson

By GEORGE GALLUP
(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

(Following is the second article in the "Spring Political Scoreboard" Series by the Gallup Poll. Today's report deals with Democratic candidate popularity in the South).

PRINCETON, N. J., April 12—One of the most impressive gains in popular support registered so far by Sen. Estes Kefauver shows up in the latest Institute survey among rank-and-file Democrats in the South.

In this traditionally Democratic stronghold, the Tennessee Senator is catching up with Adlai Stevenson, with Kefauver polling 26 per cent to Stevenson's 28 per cent.

In third place is Georgia's Sen. Richard Russell with 13 per cent, followed by Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas with 8 per cent.

Five months ago, an Institute survey of candidate popularity in the South found Stevenson polling 38 per cent of the vote, compared to 12 per cent for Kefauver.

Today's survey also finds that, if the field of Democratic presidential possibilities is narrowed down to Stevenson and Keafauver, Southern Democrats give the edge to Stevenson, by the margin of 49 to 43 per cent, with 8 per cent undecided.

All Southern voters classifying themselves as Democrats in the survey were handed a list of names prominently mentioned as possible Democratic nominees and asked:

"Here is a list of men who have been mentioned as possible presidential candidates for the Democratic party. Which ONE would you like to see nominated as the Democratic candidate for President?"

The list included Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, Gov. Albert B. Chandler of Kenutcky, Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, Johnson, Kefauver, Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio, Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, Russell, Stevenson, Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri and Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan.

Here is the vote today compared with last November:

DEMOCRATIC VOTERS
—SOUTH ONLY—

	TO-DAY	Nov. 1955
Stevenson	28%	38%
Kefauver	26	12
Russel	13	17
Johnson	8	*
Harriman	4	8
Symington	4	1
Byrd	3	4
Chandler	3	*
Rayburn	2	10
Others, no opinion	9	10
	100%	100%

*—Was not included in the list at that time.

An Institute survey among rank-and-file Democrats across the country, as reported Wednesday, showed stevenson running six percentage points ahead of Kefauver nationally with Stevenson polling 38 per cent, to Kefauver's 32 per cent.

Southern voters were next asked in today's survey to express their preferences if the convention choice narrowed down to Stevenson and Kefauver, as follows:

"Suppose the choice narrowed down to Stevenson and Kefauver. Which ONE would you prefer to have the Democratic convention select?

The vote today of Democrats in the South:

Stevenson	49%
Kefauver	43
Undecided	8

Nationwide, Democrats voted as follows: Stevenson 49 per cent, Kefauver 46 per cent and undecided 5 per cent.

As in 1952, when Kefauver was the top choice among Democratic voters and Stevenson was the Number One favorite of Democratic County Chairmen, Kefauver is up against the party organization today.

The contrast between the views of the party rank and file and the preferences of the county leaders can be seen in the following table which gives the vote of a December survey:

DEMOCRATIC
COUNTY CHAIRMEN
—SOUTH ONLY—
(December, 1955)

Stevenson	33%
Kefauver	10
Harriman	8
Russell	18
Johnson	12
Byrd	9
Rayburn	4
Others, no opinion	6
	100%

A new survey of Democratic county leaders is now in progress and results will be reported shortly.

Salem 37 Yrs. Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

April 14, 1919

Salem Commercial club had arranged for photographs to be taken of Salem's leading industries for publicity use.

Expanding business had induced Salem Auto company, agents for Chevrolet cars, to open a branch at Dallas.

Governor Olcott had assented to preside at a Salem armory meeting to effect temporary organization for all men who had been in service.

Salem Ministerial association had invited everyone to be in attendance at Passion Week services in the Oregon theater.

Boy Scouts were planning a "drive" for old, soiled and weather-beaten flags to be burned in a "liberty fire."

An army tank large enough to tackle a ten foot trench and heavy enough to walk through an ordinary frame building had been scheduled for a demonstration in Salem.

There are an estimated 300 million malaria cases in the world every year.

They Say Today

By UNITED PRESS

WASHINGTON: Rep. James T. Tumulty (D-NJ) on what Princeton University should do about students inviting Alger Hiss to address them:

"I say he should take the children involved—and that's what they are — over his knee and paddle them."

CHICAGO: Negro singer Nat King Cole, attacked by three white men on a Birmingham, Ala., stage, on performing before segregated Southern audiences:

"The U.S. Supreme Cturt is having a hard time integrating schools, so what chance have I got to integrate audiences."

WASHINGTON: Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall in a political speech on former President Truman:

"One feature of the mess he left behind was a farm economy on the skids and a law responsible for the huge mountains of price-depressing farm surpluses."

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Grand Jury Claims Brownell Covering for Truman Aides

By DAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, April 13—Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., has been accused by a federal grand jury in St. Louis of blocking further investigation and prosecution of high government officials in the Truman administration who allegedly protected income tax evaders. And the implication is that the head of the Department of Justice is motivated by political reasons.

Federal Judge George H. Moore, who inspired the inquiry that has already resulted in indictment of several Truman aides, has formally complained to Brownell. He did so by making public and forwarding to the attorney general the grand jury's severe criticism of Brownell's inaction.

It is understood that indignant Judge Moore made public the jurors' comment in the face of the Department of Justice lawyers' attempts to keep it secret. Both the grand jury's action and Judge Moore's reaction are described as "unprecedented."

Grand Jury's Complaints

It was this grand jury which returned indictments against Matthew Connelly, Truman's White House secretary, and T. Lamar Caudle, former head of the tax division of the Department of Justice. They were accused of conspiracy in handling tax cases, and will go to trial next month.

The grand jury was pursuing an investigation of other Truman officials, seeking to get to the bottom of the tax-fixing intrigues, when the federal prosecutors suddenly shifted the inquiry to other tax matters of minor importance. They got their orders, according to the jurors' complaints, from Washington.

Referring to this digression, the grand jury said:

"Whether this shift of emphasis was due to policy decisions in Department of Justice, individual beliefs of attendant personnel or for any other reason, is not known to us. We do feel, however, that this change was not in accord with our wishes, anl in the best interests of completion of our duties."

Democratic Contribution

As recently noted here, a question still unresolved by the Grand Jury is whether an admitted income tax evader put up the $70,000 which paid for two of former President Truman's windup radio speeches in the 1952 campaign.

The alleged contributor eventually pleaded guilty to violating the income tax laws and served a prison sentence. But it had been brought out that Caudle, the financial director of the Democratic National committee and an Alabama congressman had been able to stave off prosecution of the income tax violator for three years.

S. Acey Carraway, the financial director, admitted borrowing $5,000 from the lawbreaker's firm, and only $100 has been repaid.

Possible Reasons for Tactics

The grand jury's suggestion that Brownell stalled their activities "for any other reason" may have political connotations. The obvious one is that with the presidential election in mind, he may prefer to obtain indictments by convoking another grand jury early in the fall. October revelations of fresh "tax scandals" would have more effect on the electorate, than April-May true bills.

The prospect that former President Truman may play a heavy role at the Democratic national convention and in the campaign itself contributes an intriguing aspect to Brownell's action, assuming that the attorney general is playing politics. And that is what the action of the grand jury and Judge Moore implies. They see no valid legal reason for inaction or delay.

Obviously, a post - convention prosecution of Truman appointees would tend to diminish the Missourian's efforts and influence on behalf of the Democratic Presidential nominee. It was the "scandals" in the Internal Revenue Bureau, the Department of Justice and the Reconstruction Finance corporation which impelled Adlai E. Stevenson to try to disassociate himself from the "Missouri clique" in the 1952 campaign.

Anyway, It Works

Pendleton East Oregonian

Adlai Stevenson can justify his charge that Estes Kefauver has been telling voters what he thought they wanted to hear and that many of his promises never can be fulfilled.

It isn't likely, however, the criticism will change Kefauver campaign methods. His only interest is in results

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

British Chef Proves to Hal Some of 'Em Can Cook Meals

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The condemned man ate a hearty British supper.

The condemned man was me.

Philip Harben, a portly, bearded man who is Britain's best known chef, is touring America as a culinary ambassador. His purpose: To prove "that the art of good cooking has returned to Britain, and now visitors may eat like kings."

When an agent of the empire apprised me of this news, I expressed considerable doubt. I remarked that, like many Americans, I was convinced British cooking had never progressed beyond the Neanderthal stage.

"Why don't you let Mr. Harben come to your house and cook you a meal?" suggested the empire agent. "He'll bring the food."

Well, you know how it is when a columnist is offered a free meal. I thought the offer over for a fraction of a second and agreed.

"Do you have any particular preferences?" asked the empire's man.

"Tell Mr. Harben," I replied, "that if I had been condemned to death by an English judge for saying British cooking was among the worst in the world, I'd like him to prepare the kind of a meal I should have just before going to the scaffold—my last meal on earth."

The challenge stirred the artist in Harben, who is known to millions in his own country for his cooking demonstrations over BBC-TV. In due time he, his wife and the empire's advance scout arrived loaded down with bottles and bundles.

"My wife collaborates in all my professional work—including the washing up," said Harben.

Donning a striped butcher's apron, he disappeared into the kitchen. A great clattering arose, soon haunting fragrances emerged.

The dinner, when it was served, was fit for any king, including Henry VIII, whom the jolly Harben resembles.

First came pink slices of Scotch salmon, the tenderest I've ever tasted, washed down with Amontillado sherry.

Then sweer-flaked Dover sole and a glass of Chablis wine.

The traditional British "joint of beef," a vast rib roast, was a crisp and juicy brown masterpiece. With it came Yorkshire pudding—Harben had let the beef drip into it to give it more flavor—cauliflower and a bottle of beautiful Burgundy.

There was a tense moment when one of the guests asked for catsup.

"If there is anything wrong with American food," sighed Harben, "it is your tendency to smother it with catsup."

No catsup. It seemed a fair exchange. Harben, after all, had refrained from submitting us to the ordeal of Brussels Sprouts.

Then followed fresh strawberries and cream, a vast chunk of Stilton cheese, a glass of port.

As we relaxed comfortably over our coffee and a nip of brandy, Harben asked, "well?"

"I take it all back," I told him. "If that's a sample of honest British cooking, I must admit I never had a better meal in my life."

Harben's beard rose and flew as proudly as the Union Jack, waving at full staff.

"Any food is good food if it's well prepared," he said generously.

"If you were on your death bed," I inquired, "and could take only one last bite of food, what would it be."

Harben puffed thoughtfully on a long Havana cigar. It was a hard question for a connoisseur.

"I believe it would be a slice of bread and butter," he said finally, then added—"spread with a bit of caviar, naturally."

RESULT'S THE SAME
Tacoma News-Tribune

Another Las Vegas hotel announces its gambling activities. Guests still can get the same thrill by throwing their money out the window and playing the odds that a certain percentage of it will blow back in.

A SMILE OR TWO
Chicago Tribune

A quizmaster suggested to a contestant who was obviously hard of hearing that perhaps he needed a hearing aid.

"Couldn't use it, son." The man shook his head. "Hear more now than I can understand."

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