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#### George Washington

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are excerpts from a speech made by the late Bernard Main-waring to the Salem Rotary club in observance of Washington's hirthday two years ago. The stirring thoughts put forth here are especially timely on Washington's birthday, 1957.

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America has paid great honor to its founding fathers of whom George Washington was by common consent the greatest. Nearly every state has a Washington county. Many have counties named for Jefferson and Madison, together with cities and colleges. Two of them have spectacular memorials in Washington and the national capital is named for Washington.

I well remember that the little red schoolhouse had a small bust of Washington, who looked as if he had always been an alabaster bust. But we know he wasn't. He was a man,

not a demigog. I have visited Mt. Vernon and Monticello and other great shrines. When I was last in Washington in 1949, I again went out to Mt. Vernon and tried to visualize it as it must have been when Washington was there.

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When I visited the Jefferson Memorial in the Capital for the first time, I found my-self wondering "were these men really as great as these memorials lead us to believe or were they actually much the same kind of men as rule us from here now. Truman was president then. As I thought this I looked upward where are chiseled some of Jefferson's profoundest words. I remember two inscriptions: Speaking of slavery, "Nothing is more surely written in the book of fate than that these people are to be free." On the subject of human rights, he said: "I have sworn eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the mind and body of man."

I said to myself "this is the answer." These men didn't employ ghost writers. They uttered sentiments like these and not to win elections. They really were different than our leaders of today. This is still my considered judgment, that no people in all history were ever led by such a company of giants as were the handful of Americans on our east coast in the 1770's and 1780's when we won independence and created our government.

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Of these George Washington was by common consent, then and now the greatest. He had no rivals, only friends, colleagues, ad-mirers. Even those who abused him seem to have recognized his greatness as compared with even the greatest about him. James Truslow Adams wrote of the America of that period, that it "brought forth a man worthy to stand among the greatest men of all the ages.

Wherein lays the greatness of Washington as we look back across nearly two centuries. He was, of course, great in what he did, for he made us an independent nation. It is scarcely possible that this would have occur-red without him, both before and after the Revoluntionary War. But what were his great characteristics?

Let us briefly recall his career. He was born into what his English parentage would call a "good" family of Virginia land owners. He became one of the most capable, efficient farmers in that colony and one of its wealthiest men.

As a young man he rendered military service whenever he was needed. He made an expedition to what is now Pittsburgh to ask the French to leave. He fought with Gen-eral Braddock in the French and Indian war, becoming Virginia's outstanding citizen sol-dier. So outstanding that he was offered command of the continental army in 1775. He held this through eight long years of war in which our independence was won.

He was elected president by virtual acclamation as no one has been since, and forced to accept a second term. During this period our government was created along the lines provided for by the constitution over creating convention he had presided as chairman. He died less than three years after he retired from the presidency.

The last weekly issue of "Washington Calling", the weekly political news letter of Senators Richard and Maurine Neuberger sent free to Oregon constituents at taxpayers ex-pense, again reflects the Oregon inferiority complex of our Junior Senator, who delights to bewail Oregon's low ratio from birth statistics to pretty nearly everything-this time on the "Soil Bank Totem Pole" service as a sort of dole to help the farmers-which it has.

Dick on Soil Bank

Last fall the Senator stated he pointed out that the soil bank proposed was not operating fairly for Oregon, "the idea was good in principle," but not really a conserva-tion program, because it discriminated in operation against quite a few states, as it was essentially a corn and cotton program, rather than a basic farm program. So he quotes soil bank acreage reserve payments as of January 1, 1957.

Iowa \$51,260,746, Nebraska \$31,876,849, Texas \$22,419,937, Illinois \$20,858,861, Oregon \$173,620.

So Mr. Neuberger states, "Oregon farmers have qualified for less than one percent of the payments made to cotton growers in Texas or corn growers on the plains." Sooner or later, he sayys, we must come to a universal farm program which bolsters low income farm families everywhere, instead of law favoring corn growers.

The Soil Bank bill was amended by Congress because there were bigger acreages and more clamor from corn and cotton growers than from all other farmers, and an election was nearing.

Oregon should be proud that there were so few farmers after the Soil Bank millions. But big-hearted Dick is grieved about it and wants a dole for every farmer, including those who don't need it, and are efficient enough to make farming pay. Pensions or dole for evrybody seems the final aim of Dick and those hell-bent for inflation or bust that "will make your hair curl."-G. P.

### More Thought Here

Certainly no member of the Legislature can be criticised for being economy-minded, and neither can either of the two houses. But there is something to appropriating money to the right places and in the right proportions. The Legislature knows that too, so it becomes a matter of judgment, good or bad.

The House Wednesday refused approval of **\$99,820** item for the Oregon Historical Society, and sent it back to the ways and means committee for further study.

Rep. Clarence Barton, one of the members who blocked the bill in the House, said the society's budget request should stay in com-mittee until the Legislature knows how much money the state will need in the next two years. That position is probably all right. But Barton made an error in calling the Historical Society a "non-essential service."

It isn't non-essential. It does more for the state than most people know about, and doesn't get much publicity. Doubtless it does need more personnel and more space for its valuable records. And it must be remembered too that Governor Holmes, in his message, has already called upon the society for a lot of help when Oregon's centennial is celebrated in 1959.

The ways and means committee and the two houses must do with the bill as wisdom dictates, but they should not fail to give it the fullest consideration before it is trimmed or rejected

### Schools Win Again

Salem's Englewood school has been a high winner in the Freedoms Foundation awards so many times that it is now expected each year. Its record stands highest in the nation, with possibly a school in Rhode Island in a tie for this distinction.

Other Salem schools too are repeaters in inning the Foundation's awards Bush,

## DAVID LAWRENCE U.S. Leaders Together on Suez Problem

WASHINGTON-Moral force-the President of the United States and the Congress speaking in one voice to secure peace in the Middle East—is the only

in the Middle East—is the only influence, for the present at least, that will be applied in order to secure the open-ing of the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba to the ships of Israel and all nations. There is no intention on the part of the Unit-ed States to imed States to im-pose any military or ec

But it is urging the Egyptian and the Israeli governments to accept the basis laid down by President Eisenhower in his memorandum of February 11 made public last Sunday.

**Reception Was Important** What is more important today than even the president's tele-vision speech, reiterating the fundamentals of that memoran-dum, is the reception given the document at the White House meeting on Wednesday. This was was participated in by 27 mem-bers of both parties, constituting the leadership of the two import-ant committees of the House and the Senate on foreign affairs and armed services. What is more important today rmed services.

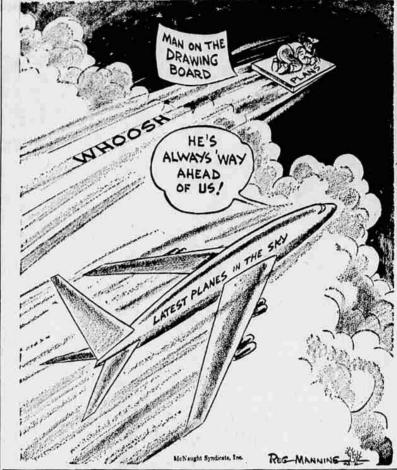
Almost without exception the D emocrats and Republicans agreed with the objectives of the agreed with the objectives of the president in trying to find a way to attain the withdrawal of Israel's troops from occupied areas. There wasa unanimity of feeling and a manifestation of the true spirit of bipartisanship at the meeting which pleased both the president and the secretary of state as well as the members of Congress.

Memorandum Was Sound

viewpoint. This very fact—that there is no disunity inside the American government but rather a solid unity — when conveyed to the authorities in Israel, will indicate Federal judges that there is no use in holding out for further concessions be-cause the maximum has already been granted. If there had been discord the

been granted. If there had been discord, the Israeli cabinet might have felt justified in waiting for further concessions. But when the Unit-ed States speaks out with one voice, it becomes necessary for Israel to accept what has been pledged, withdraw her troops and then see how the American pledges are implemented. The oledges are implemented. The sraelis can always re-enter the

the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba. Suggested Senate Adopt It There was a time at the White Ilouse conference when consider able sentiment was expressed in favor of a suggestion by some of the Democrats that a resolution be adopted by the Senate itself to support the February 11 me organdum. But it was finally de-cided that this might complicate the situation on Capitol Hill with respect to other phases of the



**Fastest Craft** 

## Vast New Police Body Might Result From Supreme Court's Power Over State Laws

It was a constructive confer-ence because it was agreed that the February 11 memorandum was sound in every respect and that the United States could go that the States could go that the United States could go the States could

forests, military reservations and similar purposes. All offenses committed in these areas must be of local origin or execution. The high tribunal so held in the Steve Nelson case, ruling that Pennsylvania could not prosecute under its anti-Communist Act. Years ago, the Supreme Court struck down an Alabama Pure Food and Drug Act. Pennsylvania authoritics' efforts to stop the sale of an alleedyh hereful down to the structure of the solution of the solut

Measures for adding 30 new are now before new form and and and and and adding 30 new are now before are now before any truck form an Alabama Pure Food and Drug Act. Pennsylvania uthoritics' efforts to stop the sale of an allegedly harmful drug have been blocked because of the Supreme Court's various overridings of state sovereignty. Jurist's Time Wasted on Trial The Judge's letter said that he had been forced to preside over

DR. WILLIAM BRADY **School Exams Might Cause** 

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### JAMES MARLOW Labor Unions Asked for It. Now Control Tight at Top

WASHINGTON (P - Tighter vestments so long as there is no control of unions at the top is one opportunity for them to conflict result of Senate investigations in-with his union responsibilities. 3. Racketeers and crooks - This

tells unions to keep out known crooks and racketeers as a "mat-ter of common sense."

This month the AFL-CIO Execu-tive Council ordered three of its unions — the laundry, distillery and Allied Industrial Workers —

to clean out "corrupt influences" or face expulsion.

This action was based on dis-closures by a Senate committee in 1955 and the recommendations of

The AFL-CIO Executive Council

last month laid down another rule

for the 140 unions which make up

Accused of Looting Funds

alabor union racket eering and the efforts of the AFL-CIO leadership to stamp it out. This means less autonomy for national and local unions. But they asked for it

by failing to do their own house-cleaning better. JAMES MARLOW Union welfare plans — covering pensions and other benefits — bepensions and other benefits — be-gan to spring up during the war. L. Lewis won a welfare plan for his miners in 1946.

A Fertile Field for Hoods

Now the billions of dollars in

welfare plans are a fertile field for crooks. This year the Executive Coun-cil of the AFL-CIO, which is made up of 140 unions, adopted and laid down for its member unions three codes of good con-duct recommended by its own spe-cial Ethical Practices Committee. President George Meany said the national unions will be ex-nected to enforce the codes among ment corrupton, and will begin welfare plans are a fertile field for crooks. This year the Executive Coun-til of the AFL-CIO, which is Fifth Amendment for their jobs.

pected to enforce the codes among their various local unions or face expulsion. The three codes go like public hearings Tuesday. ment corrupton, and will begin

1. Safeguarding union funds -This bars union officials from re-ceiving extra fees and salaries from welfare funds, requires the ouster of officials for accepting fees or bribes and calls for regulaudits and public accounting union members' trust funds.

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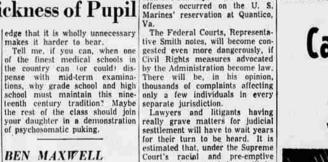
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The Judge's letter said that he had been forced to preside over trials involving such trivial mat-ters as automobile speeding, il-

of dollars. In view of the admitted short-ages of Federal narcotic, agricul-tural and FBI agents to investigate

legally parking, disorderly con-duct, public petting and public profanity. The case involving language not used in polite places took two full days of his time. The

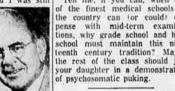
sectionent will have to wale years for their turn to be heard. It is estimated that, under the Supreme Court's racial and pre-emptive doctrine, 100 new judges will be needed at a cost of many millions

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RAY TUCKER

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It was a great career, but what were his greatest attributes? They were many and 1 shall confine myself to a brief recital of four.

First, he was always competent whether surveying the wilderness as a youth, operating his big farms, fighting Indians or the British, leading a convention or administering a government. He had no more than an eighth grade education but he was a brilliant man. He met temporary reverses but always performed well and eventually won success.

Second, so far as the record discloses he was absolutely unselfish in his public services. He seems never to have asked for anything. He did not seek command of the army and he warned that he was inadequately trained for it. He did not want to be president and did not want a second term. I fear that if he lived now he would get nowhere in our politics today. Third, he had matchless courage, as did

his colleagues. "We pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" was no empty phrase. Death by hanging, confiscation of property, disgrace to their families were risked by these men. Washington had great estates to lose, but he never hesitated. And he refused the easy, prudent course of negotiating a surrender when victory looked hopeless that winter at Valley Forge.

Lastly, he had a moral character that towered above the greatest of his fellows then and the greatest of his countrymen since. He was a superb patriot who thought only of the good of his country. He was the seer who had the wisdom to know what that good was.

First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen was where he was enshrined in his sum day sud where he has remained ever sizes, the genuins father of our country whom we bear enreduce is homoring this day and every day.

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Keizer, Richmond, Leslie among them, and now Morningside comes in for a top prize with its first entry. To see the Salem schools in the winning

hst year after year should not make it a commonplace in the public mind, or remove an appreciation of what it all means. Actually it means that Salem schools are consistently good, that their principals and teachers are alert to the high ideals of citizenship that movements like Freedoms Foundation set up for American youth. And it means too that the young students are receptive, and give themselves as eagerly and enthusiastically to the research and work of this competition as they do to their usual studies or to the sports on the playground.

have brought national recognition They both to their schools and to the community in which they live.

### For Quick Reading

### A Tea-Drinking Champ

A reader has challenged our assertion that "there never was such a tea drinker" as Dr. Johnson "in the history of literature."

It is hard to say where literature ends and plain writing begins (writes "D.M."), but if you are liberal enough to include Edgar Wallace in your definition, then here is one tea drinker who certainly left Dr. Johnson sipping.

When he was writing he always had a cup of strong tea at his elbow and got through vast quantities in a day. Eventually he became ill. Tannic poisoning was diagnosed, and he was advised to give it up. He tried for a time, but found that his muse stubbornly refused to keep office hours, and so, with little reluctance he returned to his cheerful ten and finally drank himself to douth-on tes. -Manchester Guardian.

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abroad have already been frozen and it has not been agreed as yet to pay tolls directly to the Cairo government. Thus a form of "sanctions" is already in oper-ation against Egypt. On the whole, the type of meeting which the president and Steretary Dulles had for more than two hours with the 27 mem-bers of Congress should be re-caird divergence of the state of the state of the state of the state and the state of the

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business is that one always into different opinions about it. For some it is fine; for some terrible; for some it is going up, for others dropping off. You never notice it being bad until it is too late.— "Oh, when I die, and folks as-semble to see that I am planted right, let no man spiel with voice-a-tremble about my sins or Sherman County Journal virtues bright. What man may virtues bright, what max may say will cut no figure when I have met the common fate, and I step up with pep and vigor, to dodge old St. Peter at his gate." chine, without brakes, or any other modern refinement, often stalled in wet ground by digging its own grave).



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