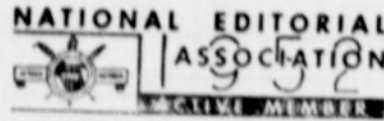


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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

## Historic Decision

H. L. Mencken, who had a reputation as the nation's bad boy in the 'twenties but who was one of the smartest newspaper men this country has ever produced, once said that if the Supreme Court of the United States reached decisions by rolling dice, he would still be 100 percent for it. We have an idea that many American citizens felt more or less the same way after the court's historic decision of last Monday.

The court, in the 6-3 ruling against the President's so-called "inherent powers," acted directly in the steel crisis, after the President had seized the industry to prevent a strike. But the decision reaches, of course, far beyond this specific case.

"There is no statute," the majority opinion read, "that expressly authorizes the President to take possession of property as he did here. Nor is there any act of Congress to which our attention has been directed from which such a power can be implied."

In other words, we are still governed by laws in these United States, and not by men, although certain among us have had occasion to question this for some time past. We have never suggested that Truman was attempting to assume dictatorial powers for the sake of those powers in his futile effort to take over steel; we think that his concern was honest, although his methods were rash and ill thought-out, as so many of his actions have been. He would have been wiser, of course, to halt the strike temporarily by use of the Taft-Hartley Act, then handing the case over to Congress for solution. Why he didn't follow this procedure is obvious, but inexcusable.

But despite his motives and his methods, the serious effect of the seizure, had it been allowed to stand, would have been in the precedent which would have been set. As we have said before, despite his stubbornness and his spitefulness, Truman is no native Peron or Hitler or Stalin. But how do we know that we will never get one?

If we should, we want no "inherent powers" precedent set to make things easy for him.

Another encouraging thing about the decision, of course, was the line-up of justices who opposed the President, among them the two — Douglas and Black — who have consistently voted in favor of controversial New Deal and Fair Deal legislation. Perhaps we are too naive, but it proved to us, at least, that the High Tribunal is made up of honest men, despite the fact that we may disagree with them at times.

Still another encouraging note struck in the decision was in the declaration that such moves as the President's seizure of the steel industry (which he said he seized as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces) was "a job for the nation's lawmakers, not for its military authorities."

We say hurrah for that, too. Not that we don't think most of our Big Brass to be honest men and competent men — far more competent, we should hope — than most of our law makers. But we are inherently suspicious of the military, particularly after such a long period of war and unrest, and we are particularly wary of the growing public belief that the man in uniform can do no wrong.

No, we'd rather be governed by civilians. We citizens can always "unelect" Congressman Joe Doaks; it's a lot more difficult for us to demote a member of the Big Brass.

## Candidate Eisenhower

Those who thought that Dwight D. Eisenhower intended to wage a cautious, non-aggressive fight for the Republican presidential nomination should have no illusions on that score any longer. The general, by taking off his uniform — and giving up his retirement pay — and by his straight-forward answers to questions at his first interview with news men, set the stage for a vigorous campaign.

It was particularly gratifying to see the candidate do what his backers said that he would do once he returned to this country. His first move was to pull off his uniform and begin his campaign as Candidate Eisenhower, citizen, rather than General Eisenhower, war hero. Another hero of past wars, ardent in his opposition to Eisenhower, might well follow suite on this score.

It was also gratifying to see Candidate Taft, who considers himself quite an authority on military matters despite his complete lack of experience and his steadfast isolationist attitudes, with his insinuations concerning Eisenhower's competence as a military man thrown back in his teeth. Taft charged that U. S. air power degenerated under Eisenhower as chief of staff, implying that it was the general's fault. But Eisenhower not only denied it but produced evidence to prove that Taft didn't know what he was talking about.

## How to Be Safe in the Water

Y.M.C.A. Rules for Water Safety



## Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

### Legislative Politics

Nothing less than a Democratic landslide could give that party control in the Senate or the House of Representatives in 1953.

The political complexion of the Oregon legislature has been Republican since 1937 when the Democrats had a majority in the House.

In the 1953 Senate there will be 10 Republican holdover members who with four Republican candidates without opposition, will leave the GOP's two seats short of control.

This, however, does not take into consideration that the successor of Senator Sam Coon is just about certain to be a Republican. Sen. Coon expects to resign his senate seat after the November election to take a seat in the United States House of Representatives from the 2nd Congressional District of Oregon.

To assure control of the 30-member Senate the Republicans will have to win only one of the 13 contests in November while the Democrats would have to win all 13 contests to hold a tie.

The House does not have hold-over members. The two parties start from scratch. Thirteen Republican candidates do not have opposition on the ticket and are assured of election. The Democrats have only one candidate, Ivan C. Laird (Coos), who scared off all competition.

In four legislative districts the Democrats are short six candidates and the Republicans in another district are short one candidate.

To hold control of the 60-member House the Republicans must win 12 of the 40 open contests. The Democrats will require 30 of the 40.

**Rainfall Low in May**  
If the May campaign was dry blame it on the weather man.

He has admitted that Oregon had a very dry May and had sub-rainings in other things including a lower temperature than May 1951, and 1.2 degrees lower than the average Oregon May.

Prevailing winds had a southern quirk. Unusual for this state.

On the credit side there were more clear days by 14 per cent than any other months of May in Oregon.

**New Deputy Warden**  
It took the State Board of Control three weeks to decide on Lawrence O'Brien as deputy warden of the Oregon State Penitentiary.

There were four other close contenders. O'Brien will succeed Deputy Warden Eugene L. Halley, who is retiring July 1 after 30 years of continual service.

The new deputy warden has been in prison work for 16 years, holding positions at Alcatraz, San Quentin and Folsom, California.

He is the second prison official secured from California in the past year. The other was Warden Virgil O'Malley, Oregon's Grand Old Man.

Walter M. Pierce former governor of Oregon and congressman from the 2nd Congressional District celebrated his 91st birthday May 30 at his home in Salem under the morning shadows of the Capitol dome.

He is mentally active and studious. Tells of a youngster who came to congress when he was

a member. Name was Kefauver. Would make a good vice president to Harry.

During the past year he was seriously ill but made two remarkable recoveries that surprised his doctors. His constant companion is his wife Cornelia Marvin Pierce, former state librarian.

**To Sign Bonus Bonds**  
State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson will fly to New York leaving Salem June 8 to sign \$46,000,000 of Oregon bonus bonds.

It will take Pearson three or more days to complete his task of signing the \$46,000,000 issue, as each bond is in \$1,000 denomination.

Pearson will visit in Washington, D. C. to interview officers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to enlist aid for a number of small towns in Oregon where difficulty has been encountered in selling municipal bonds authorized by the voters for various improvement projects.

**Record Gas Sales**  
Gasoline sales in Oregon during April were one and one half million gallons more than in April a year ago. Secretary of State

Earl T. Newbry reported this week April gasoline consumption totaled 47,336,618 gallons, up 15 per cent over March sales and a new record for the month.

### LEGAL NOTICES

No. 8736  
NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY

IN PROBATE  
In the Matter of the Estate of CORA E. HENSLEY, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Montella Freeland, Administratrix of the Estate of Cora E. Hensley, deceased, has filed her First and Final Report and Account in and with the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, and that Monday, the 18th day of June, 1952, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the Courtroom of said Court in the Jackson County Courthouse in the City of Medford has been appointed and set as the time and place of hearing objections to said First and Final Account and the settlement thereof and of said estate.

DATED and first published this 15th day of May, 1952.  
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## Our Town

A CHANCE CONVERSATION just the other day took us back to a volume of which we were very fond in our youth, and a book which we still like to pick up to re-read occasionally, when we feel the necessity to escape the oppressing present for an hour or so. The book is "The Complete Sherlock Holmes," something which we picked up in a second-hand bookshop in the East a number of years ago.

Like "Huckleberry Finn," "Pickwick Papers," and a half-dozen choice books, Conan Doyle and his famous hero never seem to grow stale, no matter how often one reads the familiar stories. Just why, it is difficult to say. Certainly we know no other detective fiction of which we can say the same, although we are an avid reader of the best work in the field. A detective story read usually stays read. But the same cannot be said for the Holmes stories.

The piece we picked the other evening was perhaps the most famous of the lot, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," and we have probably read it a half-dozen times before, yet once started we couldn't put the book down, to use an old cliché. It had the same hair-raising effect on us that it had years ago, when we first kept the bed lamp on for two-thirds of the night to finish it, then kept the light burning the rest of the night because we were afraid to turn it off.

There is no way to explain the hold the stories of Sherlock Holmes get on one except in terms of the great man himself. Holmes, undoubtedly, is one of the real fascinating figures of literature, to be ranked with Shakespeare's Falstaff, Twain's Huckleberry, Cervantes' Panchito Sanza, and a handful of others.

And speaking of Shakespeare, as we did back there a year ago, Dixie McCullough, who is working at the festival office this summer, had a rather unique set to with an Oregon state policeman the other day, after she was stopped by aforesaid Guardian of the Highways who noticed that the license plates on her jalopy had expired.

The cop, as most of the well-trained state policemen in Oregon — and almost any cop in any state when encountering a comely young lady who has engaged in some slight violation of the law — was extremely polite. Miss McCullough said. In the course of his questioning, he asked her where she worked and she told him.

"Well," he said, "I should Earl T. Newbry reported this week April gasoline consumption totaled 47,336,618 gallons, up 15 per cent over March sales and a new record for the month."

## Letter from Washington...

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH  
Member of Congress, 4th District

Not many months ago the revelations of graft and corruption of several varieties, together with a shockingly long list of income tax collection "irregularities," caused the President and his entire Executive department to shudder. The people of the country seemed to be aroused too. Mr. Truman announced in December that he was going to let the chips fall where they would. He was going to appoint a special "cleaner-upper."

One man was selected. He even came down to Washington to talk it over. It was prematurely announced in the press that he had been named. But it turned out that when he found he was not given ample power and a free hand, this first selection went back home.

Then came the "great" Newbold Morris, a knight in badly tarnished armor, to do the job. After getting off to a very bad start due partly to the fact that his name was linked with some sort of queer tanker sale transaction, Morris started in to do a little digging. I gather the impression that, smarting under the whipping he had taken by Senators who were investigating the ship deal, Morris was determined to attempt to really do a job. However, that was not the idea of those higher up. Morris was summarily fired by Attorney General McGrath. McGrath was then as quickly fired by

take you in and see that you are fined ten bucks, because that is what your organization will cost me this summer."

"Oh, you're planning to see the festival this year, are you?" Dixie asked.

"Sure am," the patrolman replied, and then gave her the old story festival officials have heard so often here. His wife brought him last year over his protests. He had hated Shakespeare in school. But once initiated, he was set for life.

Of course, if he went back to school and took his Shakespeare again, he'd probably still hate it. But Shakespeare in the old Chautauqua shell are two different things, as thousands can tell you.

The outcome of the encounter was a suggestion by the policeman that Miss McCullough get new plates, a suggestion by Miss McCullough that he buy his membership card and make his reservations right away, and by Bill Dawkins, festival executive secretary, that Miss McCullough take a few membership cards along with her, to sell to cops who stop her when she is out riding.

That idea was vetoed immediately by Dick Graham, festival actor and director who was in the group where the affair was under discussion.

"That would be extremely unwise," he said, "since Dixie would probably try to use them as bribes and get everybody in trouble."

Truman. That is the sum and substance and the end of the much publicized clean-up.

Perhaps you had forgotten all about it. Apparently most people have. I think that indifference is perhaps as shocking as the corruption. Where is the burning indignation that once would have swept people out of office in disgrace under such circumstances? Apparently it no longer exists. It has cooled so completely in a few short weeks that a man who appears to be more than a machine politician is named attorney general and the President tells a press conference that he has no clean-up plans.

The House passed the Federal-aid highway bill which authorizes the funds for highway construction during the next two years. In the bill was a minor increase (10 per cent) for forest roads and trails. This is the item from which money for timber access roads comes. Also of help to access road construction was Section three of the bill which authorizes twelve millions for defense access roads, a classification set up in the Defense Highway Act of 1941. Of this amount, two-thirds goes to timber access and one-third to mineral area roads. In some portions of Oregon, access roads can be used for both timber and mineral production.

If the money figures named in this highway bill actually represented cash for access road construction there would be enough for a fairly reasonable timber access program. Unfortunately, these sections of the bill merely serve to indicate the maximum amount which may be appropriated. The appropriations bills do not carry anywhere near these authorized amounts so our government timber harvesting program is handicapped.

Construction of "rail-head" facilities for Camp White at Medford will begin soon. Some \$3,700,000, out of a total appropriation of more than eleven millions, has been released for expenditure there.

The Department of Interior is organizing a public lands inspection trip or conference which will begin July 11th and end about July 19th. Members of the Public Lands Committees of Congress have been invited to go on this trip which will take place between the national nominating conventions. I believe the group plans to visit Oregon, but due to the hotness of time no official committee hearings will be held. I am still hoping that hearings will be held this year in Oregon by the House Public Lands Subcommittee on pending O & C land legislation. Perhaps this can be done after the elections.

See the wide range of wedding announcements available at the News Review.

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