

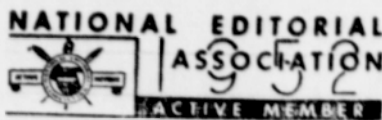
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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

See You On The Fifth

Where are you going to be July 5?
At home? At work? On vacation?

Are you real sure? What makes you so certain you may not be one of the hundreds of people who will start out on a Fourth of July holiday trip — and won't come back?

Not a pleasant thought, is it? You may even be a little provoked that we've brought it up.

Well, that's all right with us. For the more provoked you get, the more you may think about this Fourth of July traffic toll that annually makes a massacre out of a holiday that ought to be for pleasure and patriotism, not for tragedy.

You think it couldn't be you?

That's what the 360 people thought who were killed over the Memorial Day holiday just a month ago. That's what the 8,936 people thought who have died in holiday traffic in the last six years.

Yes, that's right — 8,936 people killed in holiday traffic in the last six years! Almost three times as many as were killed at Pearl Harbor. Half as many as have died for America on the battlefields of Korea.

How many of these 8,936 people thought when they started out during the holiday that they would never come back? Not one!

This one was just driving around the block to get a morning paper. This one was taking his family to visit friends in Peoria. This one was merely crossing the street. Not one of them was purposely going out to get killed — NOT ONE!

So, you see, it could be you.

But here's the bright spot in the picture: it doesn't have to be you!

The National Safety Council, which has the grim responsibility for estimating these holiday tolls in advance, says you can make its estimates look silly by merely using a little extra caution, common sense and courtesy to offset the extra holiday traffic hazards. The Council says the toll could be cut in half, or even by two thirds, if you and I would make up our minds, by golly, we aren't going to be one of those holiday traffic statistics.

It's just that simple. Instead of saying, "It couldn't be me," just say, "It won't be me!" Then act accordingly.

That's all there is to it.

Happy Fourth of July! See you on the Fifth!

The Big Question

Honest, decent backers of Senator Robert A. Taft — and there are many of them — are sure to applaud the senator for statements which he made in a press conference this week, in which he belabored the smear tactics of those warped individuals whom we discussed in these pages several weeks ago. One of the prime targets of the senator's vigorous attack was Joseph Kamp, a New Englander who was too close to the Nazis for his own comfort during the late war, and who has attacked General Eisenhower since on phony racial grounds, among others.

Kamp has been a vigorous backer of Senator Taft for the presidential nomination, but now the senator has told him to keep his support — that he wants no part of it.

We should like to join those who find this noble and honest and highly commendable in the senator, and add our applause to the crescendo. We cannot honestly do so. Instead, this question is constantly before us: Why didn't the senator repudiate Kamp and others of his kind before?

We think we know the answer to that, too. Senator man who has the nomination in his pocket. He laughs at man who has thenomination in his pocket. He laughs at press conferences when questions which would have bothered him a few weeks ago come up. He declares that he and Eisenhower agree on practically everything. He makes various overtures toward his leading opponent — condescending ones — the kind the victorious candidate makes toward his defeated rival after the election.

Added up, it seems to us that Senator Taft, while he never enlisted the support of the Kamps — never, indeed, commented on it at all — he certainly did nothing to reject it while he thought that there was still a question of his losing the nomination. The entire incident takes us back many years to a similar situation in another field. We remember when John L. Lewis enlisted the aid of the communists — or rather accepted it — when he was organizing his C. I. O., then turned vigorously against them after it was organized.

Old John L., like Taft a professional politician, was too smart not to see that the commies could help him in winning the first battle, and also too smart not to rec-

How to Be Safe in the Water

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



Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

Called on Ike and Mamie

Eight of Oregon's 18 delegates to the Republican national convention flew to Denver last Wednesday for a one-hour visit and exchanged views with General Eisenhower and his wife Mamie.

Those making the 2,200-mile round trip in one day were: Delegates Gov. Douglas McKay, chairman of the Oregon delegation; Senators Howard Belton and William Walsh; Representatives Mark Hatfield and J. O. Johnson; Carl Hogg, Mrs. James Mott and Gordon Orput; four alternate delegates Mrs. Marian Lowry Fisher, William L. Phillips, William Robison and Wendall Wyatt; Jess Gard, national committeeman; Ralph H. Calk; Robert Letts Jones of the Salem Capital Journal.

CommuniMcKay
A communique on the battle of the holidays came from the office of Gov. Douglas McKay this week which makes Saturday, July 5, 1952, a legal holiday in Oregon.

Now county employees can have a long week-end of three days. State offices are closed on Saturdays.

Offer Veterans' Names
Letters sent this week to Portland business firms offer to sell a list of names of veterans receiving bonus checks. The 40,000 names were offered at \$25 a thousand by D. L. Swafford, an army reserve captain.

Prompt disapproval of the plan came from William F. Garretson, director of the State Department of Veterans Affairs; H. C. Saalfeld, bonus division director; John Schum, state adjutant, VFW, and Tom Collins, state legion department adjutant.

Swafford says the plan is legitimate business; that he obtained the names from the C. B. Rhoades Mail List Co., which said it got them from county court-houses.

Newbry's Busy Agenda
Secretary of State Earl Newbry spoke at a strawberry festival breakfast Saturday in Sandy, in the early afternoon crowned the queen and Monday morning left for Providence, R. I., with Mrs. Newbry where he will attend an annual conference of

secretaries of state, June 24-29. A signal discussion on the conference program is on the considered revising of state election laws to conform with federal election laws.

Would Oust Liquor Chief
A suit was filed this week in the Marion county circuit court seeking to force Governor McKay to dismiss Robert L. Elfstrom of Salem as liquor control commissioner. The suit was brought into court by State Senator Richard L. Neuberger.

The cause named in the suit is that Elfstrom is a Republican nominee for legislative representative for Marion county while serving as liquor commissioner, a part-time paid job. Elfstrom has said he will resign the liquor position if he is elected. Governor McKay said he would not accept a resignation before the November election.

State Governors Convene
Gov. Douglas McKay left Salem Wednesday for Houston, Texas, where he will attend the annual conference of governors from June 29 to July 2. He was accompanied by Mrs. McKay.

From Houston, Governor and Mrs. McKay will go to Chicago to attend the Republican national convention. Miss Alene Phillips, the governor's secretary, also will attend the conference and convention.

Beaver Pelts Trapped
The first beaver trapping season held in Oregon for 20 years netted 15,252 pelts valued at \$120,000. The average selling price was \$9.73. Other furbearers included 3,635 mink, averaging \$13.93; 210 otter, averaging \$14.35; 64,000 muskrat, averaging \$1.20, and 184 marten averaging \$16. Few long-haired pelts were sold. Gray fox brought 30 cents, skunk 79 cents and red fox 60 cents.

Capital Briefs
It will require nearly two years to complete current construction of additions and cell blocks at the state penitentiary. . . . New safeguards have been set up to prevent embezzlement of state liquor funds. A former employee has been arrested on a charge of larceny of public money. . . . Oregon lumber and

Our Town

HOW MANY ASHLANDERS noticed that one of Ashland's regular summer visitors, Jim Sandoe, was quoted in Life magazine last week?

Jim, a member of the faculty at the University of Colorado, who has taught at Southern Oregon College for several summers and has directed plays in the Shakespearean Festival, is a man of many talents. One of his many occupations is that of a book reviewer. He has a regular column in the New York Herald Tribune, devoted to scholarly and spirited — discussions of the latest thing in crime literature.

The quotation remarked upon above was made in this capacity. In a long article on a blood-and-thunder named Mickey Spillane, Jim was quoted as calling him "an inept vulgarian."

As an avid reader of mystery and crime stories, we would like to say bully for you, James, you hit the wrench right on the button. For years we have declared unashamedly that the mystery novel was literature worthy of the attention of learned men, and we have found many learned men to back us up on it. But every time we make a statement, we have to rush into endless qualifications because of punks like Spillane. Unfortunately, his trash, and that of many others, is too often lumped with really good stuff under the general heading of "mystery story," although it certainly shouldn't be.

Spillane and his sadistic, sexy, poorly written tripe should never sit beside such masters as Doyle, Carr, and Sayers.

We have noticed a great deal of his stuff on Ashland news stands of late. We commend it to the local book-burners.

ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS THINGS about the cold, damp, unsummerish weather we have enjoyed recently is what it has done to the hay crop in the valley; but equally serious, we think, is what it has done to the sense of humor of local boosters.

Not only has it embarrassed the Chamber of Commerce, Ashland innkeepers, and sundry proud proclaimers of the joys of Ashland sunshine in summer and therefore ruined their dispositions. It has also led to a rash of bad jokes about the

logging workers, who worked only 17 per cent of the man-hours last year, accounted for 35 per cent of all industrial accidents. . . . Oregon veterans, who since applying for their bonuses have moved, are reminded that their change of address should be reported immediately. . . . Students and tourists visiting the capitol in Salem, during May and June averaged about 300 a day. . . . Col. George Spaur, Oregon's state forester, on military leave, plans to return to his forestry work July 1.

It seems that down in some hilly country to the South a few years ago, there was an unseasonal flood. Water rose steadily up the hillside toward a small town on the top, and then one day, out of a cave, down the hill came an old man. He had a beard down to his knees and dragged a rusty musket through the water behind him.

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Letter from Washington . . .

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

In a previous weekly letter, I told the story of the attempt made by the Administration forces to slip some medical provisions in a bill to amend the social security act. The principal purpose of the bill was to provide increased benefits. Since that bill was brought to the floor under conditions which permitted neither adequate debate nor the right of amendment on the floor, the House was required either to accept the unnecessary socialized medicine language along with the desirable part of the bill — or vote against the entire bill. There being little doubt in the minds of any of us that the bill could be brought up again minus the objectionable section, this first effort was voted down.

As anticipated, the Committee on Ways and Means struck out the objectionable paragraphs and again brought the bill to the floor a few days ago again under the "suspension of rules" procedure. It was passed by an overwhelming majority — only 22 members voted "No." As reported, I voted against the bill the first time but was glad to vote in favor of the corrected measure. I was sorry that the "gag" procedure was used a second time for I think the bill could have been improved with amendments from the floor, but we members of the minority party had no choice in the matter.

Earlier this month I mentioned a trip being planned by the Department of Interior, and noted that members of the House Committee on Public Lands were invited to go along. The jaunt is an inspection trip to public land areas. It sounds like a good idea and I believe it is. The odd, and I think irregular, part of the deal is that the Department of Interior is paying the expenses of the members of Congress who go along. I am sure that Congress does not appropriate money for the Department of Interior to be spent on trips for Congressmen. The fact is that Congressional committees have ex-

weather which may permanently strain the good humor of every resident in listening distance.

The worst one we have heard somehow fits with a crazy craze of the moment — the civil war hat.

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pense money of their own.

Another activity — and expenditure — one of our Executive departments is even more amazing than the one noted above. The Department of State is now assigning men to serve on the staffs of state governors! A Washington newspaper reports the fact as follows: "In an experiment to bring America's concern in international affairs closer to the state level, the State Department has assigned Foreign Service Officers to the staffs of two governors, Earl Warren of California, and G. Mennen Williams of Michigan."

No wonder the State Department which seemed to function quite well in 1940 with a budget of \$24 million requested \$338 million for the coming fiscal year — nearly fifteen times as much.

One Senator in discussing this subject summed it up briefly: "The taxpayers back home will wonder why such a program is necessary. It seems to me that the program now proposed is just another attempt to engage in propaganda all over the United States, in an endeavor to sell the American people on the unwise schemes of the State Department."

At this point it seems appropriate to give a few figures on government employment. During the past six months the total Federal civilian payroll has exceeded \$5 billion and is expected to continue at this rate for the next six months. At this pace, the payroll will be \$2 billion higher than at the peak of World War II, when it was \$8 billion a year.

The latest report shows 2,549,716 employees on the Federal payroll, with more than half of the civilians working in the Defense Department, for a military personnel of 3,500,000. The fact that peak military personnel during World War II was almost four times the present number, or nearly 13 million, makes significant the apparent excessive civilian personnel and payroll costs.

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