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Both Right
To the Editor: It is seldom that you can listen to a hotly contested debate with different viewpoints and agree with both sides. However, that actually occurred recently in listening to Town Meeting of the Air. While I endorse everything said by Kallenborn as proper opposition to Stalin and the Kremlin, I get an entirely new vision from Senator McMahon.

We know perfectly well that Russia itself, and all its satellites, are controlled by a very small minority, and false propaganda.

We should know by this time it is useless to try to deal with Stalin.

The wisdom of spending money to get the truth behind the iron curtain instead of spending it as weapons of destruction appeals to me as good sense. Making plausible propositions for peace and having them rejected by Stalin is good strategy, to enlighten the people not only in Russia and its satellites, but especially in China, and even in our own country.

You remember Henry Wallace had about two million followers or fellow travelers. If we can convince the majorities in all countries that Stalin is the war monger instead of, as he has them thinking, we are, you would have him licked without ever firing a shot. Then the threat of the H-bomb would be working for us, instead of him.

It will be very foolish, however, to make any peace terms that do not include all destructive armament. Now that the question is up for settlement have it settled permanently and forever, better the present race be exterminated than to go on as at present. Always insist on ample inspection. There are no other creatures on earth such fools as the human race, in self-destruction.

Keep firing plausible peace propositions to Stalin, every one he refuses makes a nail in his coffin. Spend millions in broadcasting the truth, it is better than bombs, for winning the peace.

Everyone should read Senator McMahon's senate speech. We have plenty of proof that people can be educated to see the fallacy of Stalinism.

Ira C. Jones

Counties To Receive Forest Service Funds

Oregon and Washington counties in which national forests are located will receive a total of more than \$3 million for the fiscal year 1949, it was reported today by Regional Forester H. J. Andrews.

The money, which will be apportioned to the counties, represents 25 per cent of the gross receipts collected by the forest service from timber sales, livestock grazing, recreation permits and other business in the forests. Of the \$3,152,176.05 total, Oregon will receive \$2,044,693.81, and Washington \$1,107,482.24.

Andrews said individual county apportionments will be announced later.

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Editorial Correspondence

New York City, Feb. 17.—"Truman jeers at Republican issue for '50," is the leading headline on page 1 of the Herald-Tribune this morning.

The reference is to the president's Jefferson-Jackson Day speech in Washington last night at \$100 per plate.

We heard the speech over the air, and while in our judgment Mr. Truman is the worst public speaker since President U. S. Grant—he reads a speech very much as a grade-school boy reads his first literary effort in public—as if not quite SURE of what the words mean or how they should be pronounced—"jeer" hardly seemed the proper term to apply.

Or if it was, then Governor Dewey "jeered" at his own party in his pre-Lincoln Day address at Princeton university.

For Mr. Dewey was scornful of the GOP's new campaign slogan "Liberty versus Socialism" as was the standard-bearer of the Democratic party last night. Governor Dewey declared it failed to represent the Republican party but only the views of "thirty or forty people"—presumably members of the GOP national committee.

In fact that Dewey speech deserved far more attention than it received in the American press. For it definitely marked a complete break between the titular leader of the Republican party, Dewey, and the conservative leadership as represented by the Bricker type of Republicanism and the National committee.

It is hardly an exaggeration to say indeed that Mr. Truman could have delivered the Dewey speech and vice versa, without causing any greater sensation from a realistic viewpoint than was caused—or should have been caused—by the New York governor's Princeton attack on the conservative leadership of his own party.

Not only did the New York governor ridicule the "Liberty versus Socialism" slogan, but he went after that "welfare state" issue which former Senator Dulles tried so hard to put over last fall, here in New York, and so completely failed.

Said Mr. Dewey: "It must have been some very clumsy Republican who first tried to pin the label 'welfare state' on the Truman administration. . . . Of course they (the Democrats) are running a welfare state. Who isn't?"

"Who isn't?" is right. And any national party that goes on record as opposing the principles of the "welfare state" has no more chance of winning a national election in this country than John Foster Dulles had of defeating former Governor Lehman in New York last November.

Finally, listen to this from Governor Dewey and compare it with the "jeering" of President Truman regarding his opponents last night.

"No party can expect to overturn the Truman administration on a platform of back to Methuselah. Nor can progress be made or real hopes raised by referring to conservative victories in New Zealand and Australia—or predicting same in England. The Socialists were beaten only after the Conservatives gave firm assurance that ALL FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES of the 'welfare state' already adopted would be RETAINED. I believe most Republicans will refuse to be intimidated by the other 'me too' used against me by isolationists, and Republican conservatives who have not carried their own states in 20 years."

As previously remarked what a difference just a few years makes—how differently Governor Dewey talks today when he is not the Republican candidate than he did when he WAS. Had he been as honest, frank and straight-forward in 1948 as he was in Princeton February 10, 1950—refused to attack the Democrats where they are strong, only attacking them where they are weak—there might—so we said "might"—be a Republican in the White House today.

Meanwhile a serious catastrophe faces this part of the country because John L. Lewis on one side, and a small group of mine-owners on the other, can't agree on certain relatively minor details of administration, the people of the Atlantic coast face a business setback of truly grave proportions.

Governor Dewey has had to declare a system of strict coal rationing. New York City has returned to a "brown-out" (which won't hurt this department's feelings, but will hurt business) and train service to the city has been so curtailed there is fear of a milk shortage that might well cause illness and even loss of life.

What justice or reason or excuse is there for tolerating a system that brings such suffering upon the unoffending public, just because a handful of wilful men and the most ruthless labor tyrant the country has ever seen, can't agree 100 per cent on a few minor matters, of real importance only to them? It is outrageous.

For the first time in nearly a week your correspondent went down to the Gubitchev-Coplon trial yesterday.

We were ten minutes late, but court was not yet in session and the policeman at the door said the reason was Lawyer Palmer's failure to show up. Palmer's client, Judge Coplon, had arrived a half hour early and had gone up to the 20th floor to consult with Justice Ryan in chambers—on what subject no one seemed to know.

About 15 minutes later the jury filed in and Judge Ryan appeared, as Judy and her attorney came on the double-quick up the hall, the former in the lead, the latter with his La Guardia sombrero at a rakish tilt and as usual loaded with an overstuffed brief case, and in a high state of nervous agitation.

We were prepared for an interesting performance but Judge Ryan quashed any such idea by announcing in his usual whisper, that certain matters had arisen of considerable importance which had to be ironed out before the trial could proceed so he would declare a recess until next Monday morning and hoped in that interim a satisfactory arrangement to all concerned might be reached.

Attorney Pomeranz, whose client had been sitting motionless in his chair during all this wait, arose and asked the court to please explain what had arisen to cause such unexpected action.

Judge Ryan replied it would not be in the interest of justice to further elucidate at that time, and as he excused the jury, requested them to draw no conclusions or form opinions because of the postponement, that the matter would in due time be cleared up and everything explained.

So that was that.

Later Judge Ryan held a press conference, and again refused to clear up the matter, but what Pomeranz following a private conference with Judge Ryan, told the reporters he would under no circumstances represent Miss Coplon in the remainder of the trial. It was assumed—and probably correctly—that the young lady had at last done what this department declared she should have done weeks ago—in fact, months ago—fired her nit wit lawyer.

Whether or not that is true, no one KNOWS at the moment, but it is the most probable explanation.

We never could understand who as intelligent a person as Miss Coplon—an honor student at Barnard—would tolerate such a crazy maverick as Archibald Palmer, and thus jeopardize her case from the first, we attributed it to a mistaken devotion to an old "friend of the family," and the fact his services were rendered without cost.

It will be interesting to find out what did wake up the girl at long last to the obvious truth, that a poor trial lawyer—a buffoon and bungler—is an inexcusable extravagance at any price—or none.

Finally if the above explanation is the correct one, then in all probability the week-end recess will be extended to allow Archibald's successor to become sufficiently familiar with the case. One thing is certain—neither the delay nor the change will injure Miss Coplon's chances for acquittal.—R.W.R.

Two Groups Oppose Wage, Hour Changes To Be Talk Subject

Ashland, Feb. 20.—Two groups here, the Ashland Realty board and a number of farmers in the Ashland district, have voiced opposition to the proposal whereby water rates would be increased to agricultural and industrial users.

An ordinance providing for a rate increase schedule is now under preparation and will be studied further by the city council here tomorrow night.

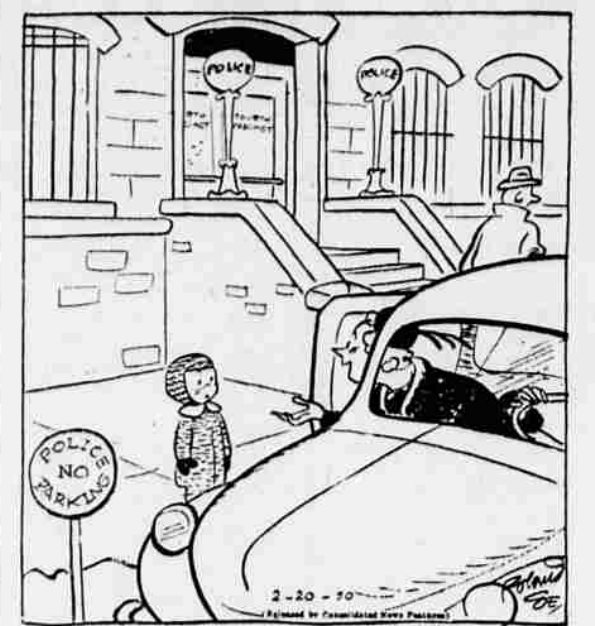
About 15 operators of small acreages met at the Briggs and Briggs law office last week and voted to raise a "war chest" to fight the proposal. The farmers said they are being discriminated against by the new rates, and added that most of the proposed increases would be assessed against them, with smaller proportionate increases levied against city residential property.

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by Roland Coe



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A Nichols' Worth of—Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Features Writer

Washington, Feb. 20.—(U.P.)—Harry R. Barker, a local florist, shocked a customer the other day.

"No, we have no American beauty roses," said Barker. "There is no such thing any more."

The customer got mad and said, "I bought a dozen in another shop a week before and why didn't Barker have 'em?"

Harry, an honest and patient little guy, qualified his statement a little. He explained that there has not been a real American beauty rose on the commercial market for over a decade. Not one that you or I could buy, anyway.

"There are a couple of dealers in the country who put out a token amount each year—but they cost you a pretty sawbuck. Or more," he said.

All of this sent me to see Granville Gude, chairman of the national flower and garden show, which will be held in Washington late in March.

Can Buy Beauty
"Sure," he said with proper dignity, "you can buy an American beauty. But you can't get one at the corner florist. None of the regular dealers has any. There isn't one in Washington, and very few any place."

Gude said that even in the days when you could buy the American beauty they cost from \$18 to \$36 a dozen. They grew from 36 to 60 inches in length and the stems were as big as your thumb. Nurseries now sell bushes to be grown in your back yard.

"The bloom," said Gude, "is as big as a cabbage." The real American beauty, he added, wasn't red, anyhow, but was kind of an old rose.

Few Roses
"If you wanted to buy a couple of bushes right now and sink them in the back yard," he said, "you could have flowers this summer. But you'd get only about four roses off each bush a year. That doesn't make any sense to the commercial man, who can plant an ordinary rose bush and get 36 blooms off each bush. Even if he only gets \$3 a dozen, it's better than playing nursemaid to something that might not produce anyway."

Gude said that about 60 per cent of the florists in business today never saw an American beauty in their lives.

"We have a dickens of a time with these folks," he said. "A lot of them think when you ask for a tea rose you want something with a yellowish tinge. A tea rose is any rose that blooms monthly and can be almost any color—red, pink or yellow."

Substitute
Gude said that the substitute for the American beauty, in case you have a birthday or anniversary coming up, is a rose called "Better Times."

"It's the real red rose you see on the market and it costs what the traffic will bear," he said. Most of them have long stems. It's kind of silly in these days of small homes and small apartments to talk about the American beauty, which you can't buy in the first place. Who has room for a vase big enough to hold a rose with a stem over three feet long?"

Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County Historical Society will hold the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 20, 1940
(It Was Tuesday)
Denton Clark appointed county jailer to succeed E. L. Clow, recently resigned.

Medford Milkmen Distributing association to meet Wednesday, President B. F. Van Dyke announces.

Almond trees in full blossom, apricot tree buds in early pink, pear tree buds swelling, is reported.

Dr. George S. Jennings talks at Southern Oregon Osteopathic society meeting.

Attorney Porter J. Neff addresses county democrats' meeting.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 20, 1930
(It Was Thursday)
Medford high debaters win southern Oregon district title. George Winne and Laura Drury are team members.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd leaves Antarctic on rescue ships and leaves planes behind.

Rogue river fish question bobs up again, causing great excitement.

Ed N. Judd named head of Rogue river irrigation district.

State highway commission orders a mile of new road near Prospect to eliminate Crater Lake highway curves.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 20, 1916
(It Was Saturday)
Northern California and southern Oregon counties organize group to promote building of railroad to tap Siskiyou mountain lumber.

Parliamentary law classes being conducted by Mrs. Stewart Patterson for local Colony club.

A. N. Hildebrand elected president of Iowa society here.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The news on the day this is written starts off with a train wreck on Long Island in which 29 persons appear to have been killed and about 100 badly injured. It was a gruesome affair. The early dispatches tell of human bodies ground together like meat in a mighty sausage mill. They said that a crowd estimated at 30,000 or more gathered to look on.

SUCH things happen. They have been happening for a long time. One of the early items carried by the busy teletype, while it was waiting for further details of the Long Island crash (two trains collided), was a list of major train wrecks in the United States. It runs back to December 29, 1875.

So, you see, such things are not new. The story adds that the most serious train disaster in the world's history was at Nowy Dwor, Poland, last October, when 200 persons were killed, and the next most serious was near Paris, on Christmas eve, 1933, when 180 were killed and more than 300 injured.

That proves to us that train disasters are not confined to our country.

As to the grisly details and look on.

In the grim spring of 1945 a German V-2 rocket fell in mid-London on a building containing a wholesale meat market. The building was pulverized by the explosion. The walls of surrounding buildings were smeared with meat from the animal carcasses and from the bodies of the human beings who were in the doomed building when the rocket fell.

Within a few hours a crowd gathered to look on. Curiosity, you see, is a world-wide human trait. It is present in all of us.

WRECKS or no wrecks, people will go on riding on trains. They are wise to do so. In this world we have to get from place to place. We can't let ourselves be bluffed. Besides, the statisticians assure us that MANY, MANY more people are killed by slipping in bathtubs than in train wrecks.

The teletypes on this same morning tell another story. As of now, no deaths are connected with it. There isn't even a broken bone. But in pure blood-chilling quality this other story dwarfs the Long Island railroad collision.

It comes from Budapest, in Hungary, and it tells of the CONFESSION of Robert Vogler, an American businessman charged by the communist government of Hungary with spying, that he is guilty of everything he is charged with.

In a seemingly calm voice, he says yes, he is a spy, an American spy; that he has been gathering communism's secrets and transmitting them to his capitalist government through the American army intelligence, which is his direct superior.

And so on.

HERE is the grisly part of it: His wife, who lives in Vienna, says when she hears what has happened:

"My husband is merely regretting from memory a lot of lies that have been pounded into him for the last three months. . . . It is obvious to anyone who knew Bob at all that he HAS

BEEN DRUGGED OR SUBJECTED TO SOME KIND OF TORTURE TO MAKE HIM SAY ALL THESE THINGS."

BEFORE our minds comes the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty. We hark back to the RUSSIANS in the early purges (when Stalin was getting rid of those who differed with him). . . . We think of all the horrible instances in which men in these communist-conducted trials have calmly confessed to the commission of crimes of every kind. Instinct tells us such things aren't human.

Men in their right minds don't do such things.

What dark, grim, secret terror is possessed by these communists to make men over into something that ISN'T A MAN ANY MORE?

READING of this "confession" of Robert Vogler after three months in the hands of the communist inquisition leaves one with a feeling of having walked past a graveyard in the night and feeling a blast of chill air followed by the touch of spectral, bony fingers.

Such things as these "confessions" which the communists seem to be able to produce at will are out of this world.

Medfordite Wins Honors In Model Plane Contest

Elmer Hannaford, Medford, won most of the top prizes in the model airplane contest held yesterday by the Medford Prop Nuts on Agate desert west of Camp White, taking first in Classes A, B and C.

Ed Gilkey, Medford, placed first in the rubber powered event with a total of 247.2 seconds for three flights; Ronnie White, Medford, placed second with a total of 243.4; and Hollis Hill, Ashland, took third with 216 seconds.

Ed Gilkey, Central Point, took first in the 1/2-A gas event with a total of 256 seconds; Mickey Loros, Medford, second with 244.9; and Richard Vance, Medford, third with 143.7.

Wins Class A
In the Class A event Hannaford placed first with a total of 225 seconds; Bill McDow, Klamath Falls, second with 210.7; and Gerald Doty, Medford, third with 157.1.

Hannaford placed first in Class B with 189.5; Lloyd Crowell, Medford, second with 167.8; and Gerald Doty, third with 118.3.

Class C was won by Hannaford with a total of 392.5, with second going to Bill Franks, Klamath Falls with 386; and Doty again placed third with 345 seconds.

The contest was viewed by several hundred spectators and was one of the best attended meets held in recent months by the club.

OWL COMES, GOES

Greenfield, Mass. (U.P.)—An owl crashed into the home of Mrs. Mary Quinan through a closed window. Though the glass was shattered the owl appeared unharmed and flew away when put outdoors.



(Acme Telephoto)

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE—Republican William B. Widnall gives out with a big smile in Hackensack, N. J., as he hails his 2 to 1 election to the congressional seat vacated by J. Parnell Thomas as a vote of confidence in the O. O. P. The district is normally Republican, but Democrats hoped conviction and imprisonment of Thomas for salary kickbacks would channel some votes their way.

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JAPANESE DIET MEMBERS VISIT CAPITOL—Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn (beneath flag, right) points to places of interest as 14 members of the Japanese Diet visit the Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. The Diet members are in this country for a 45-day study of democracy in action.

Since 1882