

Three Important Red Reverses May Explain Changed Attitude

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Washington —(U.P.)— Against 10 postwar years of startling Communist triumphs can be

More Berry Pickers Needed at Gresham

Portland —(U.P.)— The Oregon farm labor office here today called for 1,000 more berry pickers needed at once for the Gresham and Beaverton areas as favorable weather pointed to an all-time record strawberry harvest in the state.

Showers Wednesday revived the heat-stunted plants in the Willamette valley and growers said the season could last until August, producing a bumper crop. The federal crop reporting service had earlier predicted a harvest of 73,260,000 pounds for the state.

Harvesting was later than in normal years and is barely started in areas where it usually would be nearly completed. Fruit was reported of large size and good quality.

Processing plants were working around the clock in Gresham and in the Tualatin valley to keep up with the heavy harvest. Oregon has won a nationwide market for its strawberries, frozen in one-pound containers for the retail trade or in 30-pound tins to be used for preserves.

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood —(U.P.)— Rosalind Russell, the glamorous clothes horse and musical comedy star, has changed into a homely spinster with wrinkles and curlers in her hair for a movie "So I Won't Get Bored."

Fast-talking Roz' most recent roles were in two musicals, "Wonderful Town" on Broadway and "The Girl Rush" for the movies.

But today I found the one-time-sung-and-dance queen wearing an ill-fitting dress and a mop of uncombed hair for her return to heavy drama in "Picnic."

"Some stars are afraid to do this," the actress said as she sat in her dressing room and stared at herself in the mirror.

Not Much Looks
"Somebody asked me why the heck I'm doing this. Well, I've never worried much about my looks, really. You can't call Marlon Brando handsome, or Jimmy Cagney."

"Furthermore, this is a mature role and some actresses who refuse to admit they're growing old are pathetic. For God's sake, act your age!"

Roz' clothes for Columbia's movie version of the Broadway play were carefully made not to fit. The waist of her cheap powder blue suit was hiked up in the back and the skirt was "cut all wrong." She wears junk jewelry and "I found these wonderful \$3 shoes with platform soles and ankle straps."

"I'm supposed to be a man-hungry old maid who's after William Holden," she explained. "For many scenes I wear no make-up, and my hair is up in curlers so I look like a pinhead."

Good Disguise
The movie company, headed by Broadway director Josh Logan. (This is his first film in 20 years), spent uncomfortable weeks on a Kansas location trying to work amidst tornadoes, thunderstorms and hail stones. Unfortunately, some townspeople who watched the shooting thought Miss Russell looked homely not on purpose.

"I got a registered letter from a woman who said it was heart-breaking the way I've let myself go," the actress said with a lusty laugh.

But although she knows some fans will be "horrified" to see her in "Picnic," she prefers the role to those career woman parts that still are offered her.

"I did nothing but career women for 19 films," she said. "I always had nine phones and the same desk—the same desk!—in all those pictures."

"And the same backdrop behind the office window of the Empire State Building. They always had me on the 40th floor of Rockefeller Center."

"I never even had my wardrobe fitted. I'd just call the designer and say, 'well, here's the script, another piece of junk, so make four suits and a negligee for the crying scene.'"

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counted some more important reverses which may explain the smiles and friendly posture of today's Kremlin bigwigs.

Josef Stalin and his successors have lost some of their greatest gambles in strategic policy. They put their blue chips on the line after World War II that:

1. The United States would suffer a shattering depression.
2. The United States and the United Nations lacked the will to meet aggression with bullets, as in Korea.

3. And, biggest of all, that the United States would spend itself into bankruptcy.

Bet Not Lost

Kremlin foreign policy was based on those three assumptions. The Communists lost bet No. 1 without qualification. The current high level of American

business, individual earnings, and national production may not be sustained. But few are predicting now that serious depression is just around the corner or around the block.

Stalin did better than he deserved on bet No. 2. The evidence is well in, now. It seems to show that the United Nations could have won a clean victory in Korea if the American and other forces there had been permitted to throw their Sunday punch. Even so, the idea that the United States and the U. N. lacked the will to fight was proven to be a phony.

No. 3 Still Undecided

It might be said that bet No. 3 has not yet been decided. But a definite trend is in plain view. All-out war inescapably leads to inflation which is the cheap-

ing of money in relation to goods. The United States got a good dose of that after World War II. President Truman was a spender. In his first five years and four months in the White House, Mr. Truman administered the spending of about a quarter of a trillion dollars.

That was more spending than anyone had done before him. It made FDR's spending record look small. It was such spending that caused Sen. Harry S. Byrd (D-Va) and others to warn that the United States was spending itself into bankruptcy because a large part of that spending was on the cuff—with borrowed money.

It Hasn't Happened

Nobody knows how high a nation's public debt must go to obtain bankruptcy. But bank-

ruptcy of currency comes when the citizens suddenly lose confidence in their money. They rush, then, to exchange it for almost anything. Prices zoom. The value of the dollar slumps. Five cent cigars cost \$20, \$50 or \$100. That's real inflation. It could happen here, but it hasn't.

On the contrary the United States dollar is being stabilized. The Labor Department reported yesterday that the cost of living had not varied more than one-tenth of one per cent in the past six months. It looks like the Russians are losing bet No. 3.

Even a gradual rise in prices, meaning a gradual cheapening of the dollar, would not win for the Russians. They were betting that the United States after World War II would experience the agony of Germany

after World War II when one dollar would buy 500,000 or more marks instead of five as before the war.

These three bets were basic for the Soviet Union. If they had won there would have been no NATO. West Germany would not be an independent nation shortly to be armed. There would have been no Marshall Plan and all of Western Europe probably would be Red by now.

Hardest of all for the Kremlin to lose was No. 3. It has been Communist gospel that so-called democracies could not survive. Both Lenin and Stalin wrote that a democracy, or a representative republic such as the United States must in the natural order of events spend itself to death. The Red gospel was wrong.

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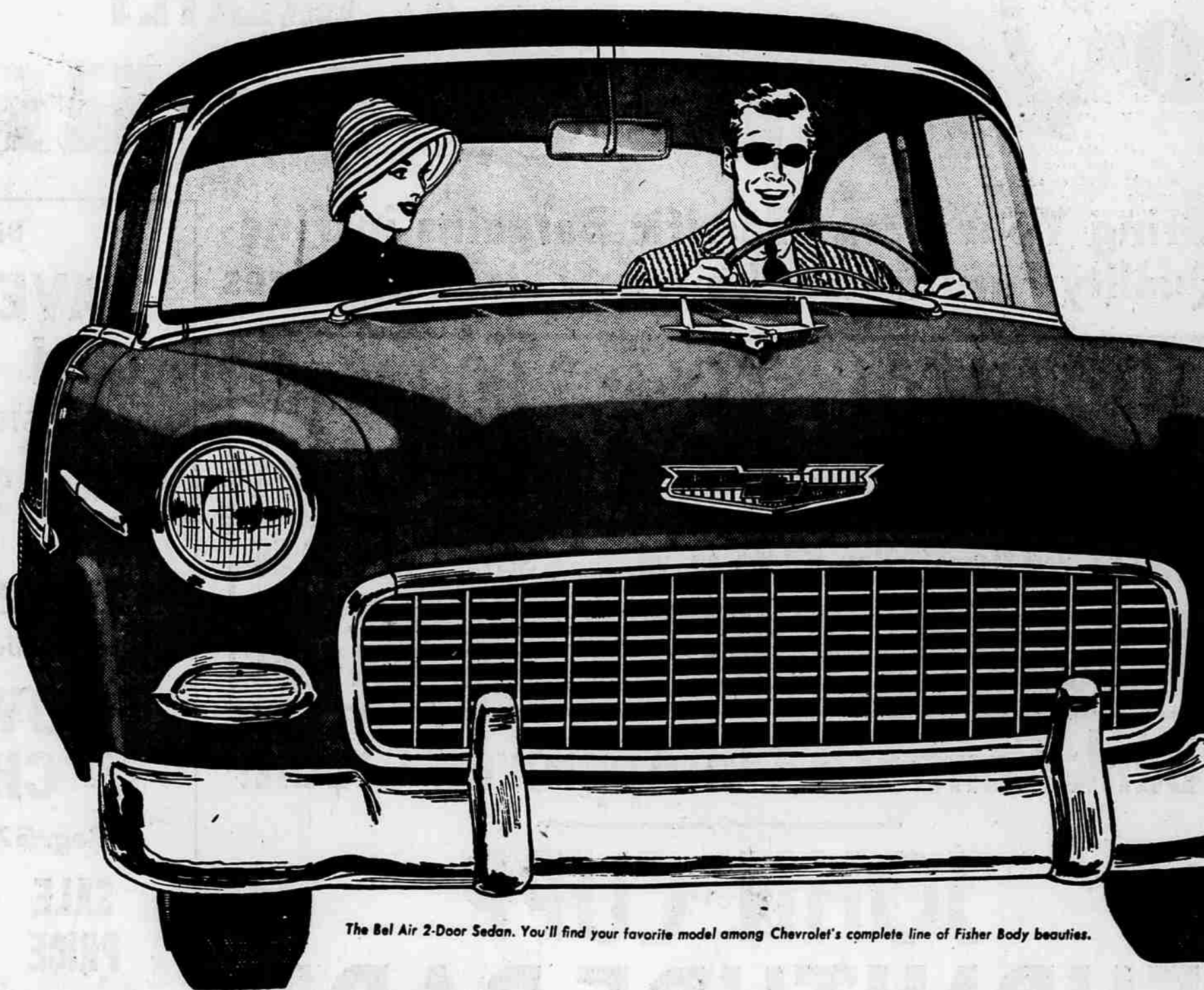
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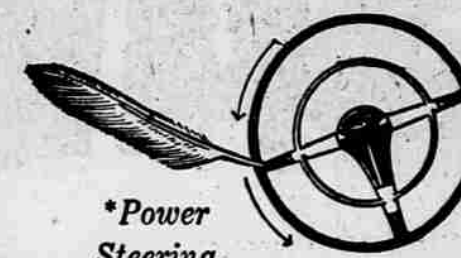
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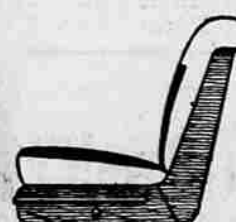
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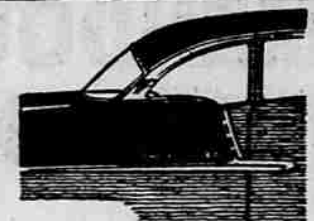
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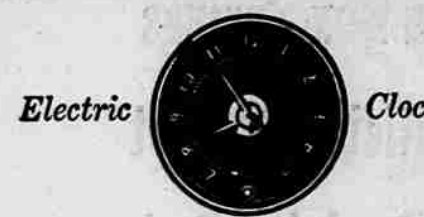
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