



GOING ON SALE at Democratic convention in Chicago are oversize lollipops bearing the inscription "Don't be a Sucker, Vote Democratic." Young Democrats are in charge of sales at Chicago meeting. (International)

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — If you think Americans spend their idle hours gurgling gin and bourbon, you're wrong, sir. Us U.S. - ers are mostly coffee drinkers and there are figures to prove it. In terms of dollars spent, java still is the top dog in ports, even though we make our own bourbon.

Americans drink 60 per cent of the world's output of coffee, which isn't supposed to be good for you, but which we gulp up, no matter what the doctor says. The National Geographic has a pretty fine file on coffee. It seems that it was in Arabia that coffee first was planted and nurtured. And there even today, no business is done without a cup of the coffee in front.

Arabs take a sip of water before their coffee, but any native caught taking water for a chaser is frowned upon. I've been on many a sidewalk cafe in France, where the natives bicycle up to the coffee tables, park their bread on the table for their cup of "cafe au lait"—coffee stirred up with hot milk.

The waiter, particularly in Paris, is he—he brings you a

Medford-Ashland Bus Fare To Climb

One-way fare on Evergreen bus between Medford and Ashland will be increased from 30 cents to 35 cents after Aug. 23. Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel, announced Saturday, after a public hearing on the matter attended by only one person.

Henry J. Huber, doing business as Evergreen Bus Lines, filed the petition with the commission on June 29 requesting authority to increase intrastate passenger fares.

Proposed Increase

He proposed to increase minimum one-way fare from 15 cents to 20 cents; minimum round-trip fare from 30 cents to 40 cents; minimum 10-ride commutation fare from \$1.25 to \$1.60; and the one-way fare between Medford and the entire city of Ashland from 30 cents to 35 cents.

The hearing was held in Medford July 25 before an examiner representing the commissioner. Ralph B. Mathews of Medford appeared in behalf of Evergreen Bus Lines.

Loss Declared

During the hearing it was found that net loss for the system during April, May and June, 1956, was \$1,122.05. The average cost per bus mile was 21.3 cents, compared with a revenue of 18.4 cents per bus mile. These costs do not include payments to Henry J. Huber, owner, as an employee, or any amount for replacement of equipment.

Suspension of certain time schedules went into effect last January as a result of an earlier hearing. However, the decrease in operating costs resulting from schedule reductions failed to take the bus line out of the red. Commissioner Heltzel, on the basis of facts presented on behalf of Evergreen granted the petition.

newspaper and swishes the table cloth — twice for coffee alone and three times if you want some long loaf of bread and butter.

In Algeria, the natives have thought up a drink of banana and coffee, a horrible thought. They also are fine hands at eating raw coffee berries.

The Uganda natives, incidentally, claim credit to the invention of iced coffee. They sugar up coffee, called it "mazagran" and dumped in a bunch of ice. In Southern France they dilute the same with seltzer water and I forget what they call it. I am also trying to forget how it tasted.

Before the Arabs became commercial, coffee trees grew wild in Ethiopia. The Galla tribesmen made rations of ground coffee, high in protein and fat. One ball of this business, which was about the size of a cue ball, was supposed to carry a warrior through a full day of fighting.

Coffee Began as Medicine

Frederick the Great had an eye on politics and played footsie with the rich. He once warned the people of Prussia that if the peasants sipped at the coffee cup they would wind up sterile. Freddy didn't get away with it.

Coffee, incidentally, started out as a medicine, and food. And there was misery everywhere it was introduced.

But all of that was fixed up in the 18th century when an unsung Turk let it be known that when he married, he would keep his bride in coffee.

There must be a monument to this fellow someplace. He put it in writing that if she wasn't well coffeeed, she would have grounds for divorce. The records are a little flimsy on how that one came out.

Getting back to the homeland, Americans average about 2.68 cups of coffee a day, per citizen. Me, I just take one getting up saucer and let it go at that.

Neuberger Predicts Victory for Morse

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) says he is "certain" Democratic Sen. Wayne L. Morse will be re-elected in Oregon over the senatorial bid of former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay.

But Neuberger expressed doubt that the Democrats will carry the state against President Eisenhower.

"I am not nearly so certain that the Democrats will carry Oregon for the presidential election as I am certain that . . . Morse will defeat Douglas McKay," Neuberger said yesterday.

Norblad Asks Hearing On Small Boat Safety

Salem — (U.P.) — Rep. Walter Norblad said here Saturday that he has sent a letter to Herbert Bonner, chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, asking that North west hearings on safety legislation for small boats be extended to include Portland.

Hearings had earlier been scheduled for the Astoria area only.

Norblad particularly pointed out that he felt the committee could gain beneficial knowledge from boat operators in the Lake Oswego area who have a strict set of regulations in effect.

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