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"How Silly Can We Get?"

It looks dark for the Democrats in Salem, according to most of the Republican press.
These G.O.P. Cassandras lay special emphasis upon the hard, rough road that Governor-elect Holmes will have to tread.
No. 1: he has no gubernatorial mansion to move into.
Oregon, it seems, is one of the few states in the nation too niggardly to provide the head of the state with a suitable home in which to live.
We grant that should be done.
But all Oregon Governors have thus far been able to function reasonably well without it, and we see no cause for apprehension, regarding State Senator Holmes' ability to do the same.

BUT that is one of the minor dangers ahead, according to the disappointed supporters of former acting Governor Elmo Smith.

THERE is the ever-present tax problem, for example, and the alarming condition of the state's finances.

Governor Holmes is pledged, it seems, against a state sales tax, would not approve such a tax unless it were approved first by the people and in the judgment of most of the Republican papers, the people of Oregon will never approve such a tax, so that leaves the state hopelessly in the red if not bankrupt, etc., etc.

FOR many years this paper has opposed a state sales tax, and would only approve one today if properly modified and then as a last resort. But if there is no OTHER way—and we mean NO other—to secure a businesslike adjustment in the state income and surtax setup, then we would go along with the sales tax proponents.

However, we have a hope (AND a hunch) that when Governor Holmes and his associates get time to carefully examine the problem of taxation they will find a way out, and we certainly refuse to join those of our contemporaries who say "it can't be done" and spell out defeat for the Governor-elect even before he starts.

At least "give the man a chance."

BUT according to the Albany Democrat-Herald (it should be "Republican Herald" but calls itself "Independent") there is little hope. For example, the state senate is divided 15 Republicans to 15 Democrats and it takes 16 to elect a senate president or pass legislation.

It is difficult to take seriously but the "Democrat's" judgment on such a situation is as follows, quote:

"Each party will only have 15 votes all session long unless there are some Wayne Morse types around. Neither side can push through a bill the other side doesn't want. Anyone who thinks that Oregon Legislators won't vote on party lines just hasn't considered the highly partisan spirit prevailing since the recent election.... The party balance is going to make the senate chamber look more like a boxing-ring than the clubroom it has resembled in the past."

SO? To make its position doubly clear the "Democrat" says it can hear some of the Wayne Morse types now explaining their switch from 100 per cent partisanship saying, "I put state above party and I do this for the greatest good of my constituents—just this once."

THE Albany paper believes any deviation from the strict party line in the legislature would lower the deviationist to the Wayne Morse level, and placing the welfare of the state above that of the party would be something to deplore and justify some of the epithets that the 100 per cent GOP press shot at Oregon's senior Senator in the recent election for leaving a party in which he no longer believed in for one in which he did.

Well as the farmer said to the first giraffe he had ever seen, "I jest don't believe it."

Neither do we.
There was considerable partisan heat in the November election and considerable unwarranted name-calling; but we can't share the "Democrat's" alarm, or accept its prediction of what is likely to happen in Governor Holmes' administration, in either house or senate.

We believe that in both parties there will be far more members of the "Wayne Morse type" who will place "principle above politics," vote on each and every measure not according to the party label but according to its merits from the standpoint of Oregon's welfare, than the Albany editor imagines.

HOW could it be otherwise?
For the issues that divide the two major parties nationally, do not divide them within this state—or any other. To vote against a measure in Salem because it was introduced by a Democrat—or Republican—would be "as incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial" as to vote against a proposal on religious, racial, social—yes, or hush-lodge grounds.

Any member of the 1957 state Legislature who is going to Salem to renew the presidential battle of 1956, instead of devoting his time to doing what he believes to be best for the state, regardless of party, should resign now and let some aspirant the people of Oregon want take his place.

The problems facing the state are difficult enough to solve without wasting time, energy and words, over those who according to the Albany Democrat are going to vote on strictly national party lines, and be against anything the opposing party introduces, regardless of its merits. That would be plain vindictiveness and irresponsible nonsense.—R.W.R.

Russian Students Increasingly Critical About Soviet Policies

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
An increasingly critical attitude among Russian university students seems to be giving the Soviet government something new to worry about.



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Soviet government something new to worry about.
The students started asking questions about the policies of both government and Communist Party leaders after Nikita S. Khrushchev started the downgrading of Josef Stalin.
Now, it appears, the students are asking some embarrassing questions about the revolts in Poland and Hungary and the growing movement among the Russian satellites for independent Communist rule.

On Monday, the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda, official organ of the Communist Youth League, stated that the students are carrying their criticism too far.

The newspaper complained of "misunderstanding" in connection with Stalin's downgrading and the liberalization of the Soviet dictatorship which resulted from it.

Some students, the newspaper said, were "attempting to nullify the unquestionable achievements of Soviet culture."

A United Press Moscow dispatch commented:
"The blast against student criticisms offered only a small glimpse of the ferment which since the downgrading of Stalin has been playing an important part in shaping public opinion."

The ferment, the dispatch said, included the asking of "daring questions on politics, art and economics."

It had been reported previously that students at Moscow university posted news bulletins of the British Broadcasting Corporation about the Hungarian revolt on the walls of their building.

Now the only oil reaching Western Europe from the Persian Gulf is coming around Africa—a long and expensive road. The Suez canal is full of sunken ships and is impassable. The pipelines have been dynamited.

Western Europe is starved for oil and its industry is in a tailspin.

ALL because the hard core of ancient, living-in-the-past-century Tories that rules the British Conservative party couldn't realize that the day when Britannia ruled the waves and ran the world is over.

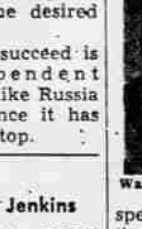
No wonder there is humiliation in London.

WHY are the British and the French leaving the Suez?

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

ON WINNING FRIENDS
There is a notion going around Washington that the great obstacle to understanding and good cooperation with Great Britain and the Afro-Asian countries is in our relations with Great Britain and France.



Walter Lippmann

President Nixon is the assumption that the cooperation and support of India and of other Afro-Asian nations depends upon our relations with Great Britain and France—and that somehow we can win new friends if we cut ourselves off from our old friends.

To believe this is to forget half the world, to forget the Far East and the Pacific. The United States is present there in force. It is present in Japan, in Korea, in Okinawa, in the Formosa Strait in South Vietnam, and in the mandated islands, the so-called Trust Territories. Mr. Nixon is deceiving himself mightily if he forgets all this, and hugs the illusion that the Afro-Asian accept the position towards which we have expanded as a result of the second World War.

We should have no doubt that the Afro-Asian nations challenge our position in the Far East, and will raise the issues as and when the opportunity arises. They will raise the issue of our refusal to let the Red Chinese take the Chinese seat in the United Nations. They will raise question of the status of Formosa. They will raise the question of the detonation of big nuclear bombs in the Pacific islands. We must not delude ourselves with the notion that our differences with the Afro-Asian nations, with the so-called Bandung powers, arise out of French and British policies and not out of our own.

BUT the deeper error of the notion launched by Vice

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The Parking Problem

To the Editor: I enclose copy of letter sent the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce as follows:

Gentlemen:
I read in the Tribune that the police have been instructed to enforce an ordinance that imposes a fine of \$2.50 for "feeding a meter." While such a procedure may make available more parking spaces, it also greatly reduces the amount of money spent by shoppers who may be forced to move their cars. And can you not imagine, how blistering mad a potential customer will be to be fined when he is just trying to spend more money in your stores? Also please remember that there are good stores in Central Post as well as very fine mail order houses serving this territory, and also some fine super markets in or adjoining Medford that have their own parking lots.

I have the two following suggestions for immediate application and the third as a more complete solution.

- 1. Ask the "City Fathers" to repeal this ordinance—not just ask the police to ignore it—and advertise that fact.
2. Instruct your employees and yourselves, to walk to work, if within one mile. The Tribune made a similar suggestion.
3. Form a corporation and build a parking lot. (They are said to be profitable.) But do not again ask the public of Medford to help pay for it in taxes. You, the merchants, will be the direct beneficiaries. Also, the public might like to buy part of the stock.
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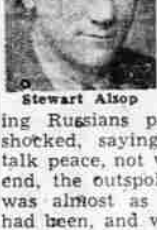
HUNTING THE HARD WAY

Lansing, Mich. (U.P.)—F. W. Terwilliger, a state conservation department biologist, likes to get his deer the hard way. Terwilliger bagged his deer this season with a 90-year-old muzzle loader at 40 yards.

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

KHRUSHCHEV ON THE MIDDLE EAST
Washington—When Khrushchev and Bulganin visited Britain last April, Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden told them bluntly that Britain would fight for its vital interests in the Middle East.



Stewart Alsop

At first, the visiting Russians pretended to be shocked, saying "we came to talk peace, not war." But in the end, the outspoken Khrushchev was almost as frank as Eden had been, and what he said has a special significance in the present situation.

The Soviet Union did not want a world war, Khrushchev said. But the Soviet Union also had natural interests and aspirations in the Middle East. And, short of war, the Soviets would do everything in their power to "liberate" the area from the "imperialists"—meaning, of course, the British and the Americans.

Khrushchev and Bulganin have been, for once, as good as their word. In an alliance of convenience with Egypt's Col. Nasser, they are doing everything in their power to eliminate British interests in the Middle East, thus reducing Britain to a third class power and destroying the Western Alliance.

Their chief instruments at the moment is Syria's Colonel Abdel Hamid Serraj. Col. Nasser is, as it were, the majority stockholder in Serraj, but the Soviets also have a controlling interest in the Serraj regime.

THEY exercise their control through Soviet arms for the regime, and support for the regime by the Syrian Communist party. The immediate object of the joint Nasser-Soviet exercise is to bring down Iraq's Premier Nuri Said, and push Iraq out of the anti-Soviet Baghdad pact. Thus British and American oil resources in Iraq would be endangered. More important, the British would be denied the base rights in Iraq which are vital to the protection of the British oil sources in the Persian Gulf, for which they are pledged to fight.

The importance which the Soviets attach to the joint exercise is suggested by the fact that attacks on the Iraqi government have now become the central theme of the Soviet propaganda line. The ultimate object of the exercise is, of course, to make the Middle East a Soviet satrapy.

That some move would be the immediate consequence of Col. Nasser's triumph in the Suez Canal dispute was entirely predictable, and was, indeed, repeatedly predicted in this space.

Administration officials, asked what the United States would do in these circumstances, waffled. But now they are right up against the gun, for the question has got to be answered one way or another.

LOGICALLY, the answer might be found in the famous "Dulles doctrine." Secretary of State Dulles has repeatedly proclaimed the theory that the way to avoid war is to draw a clear thus-far-and-no-further line which a potential enemy cannot cross without war.

The British, the Turks, the Iraqi, the Iranians, and the Pakistani, all members of the Baghdad pact, are now begging the American government to apply the Dulles doctrine by joining the pact. The Baghdad pact was a branch of Secretary Dulles, and Iraq joined it originally (the only Arab state to do so) in the belief that this country would be a member.

But when it became clear that to do so would enrage Col. Nasser and his allies, the United States did not gracefully back out. Joining the pact now would certainly enrage Col. Nasser and his allies, including the Soviets, even more than before. But it also would be a way of drawing a thus-far-and-no-further line around threatened Iraq.

Copco Gets License For Klamath Dam

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Hydroelectric Commission yesterday issued a license to California Oregon Power Company to construct a major hydroelectric project on the Klamath river at the Big Bend site about 18 miles southwest of Klamath Falls.

The project will consist of an earth-fill dam 60 feet high. The power plant will contain two outdoor-type generating units each with a capacity of 40,000 kilowatts.

Provision was made in the license for fish protection facilities. Estimated cost of the project is \$12,500,000. It is expected to be in operation by Jan. 1, 1959.

The Dalles Bank Manager Succumbs

The Dalles—(U.P.)—Charles A. Reynolds, 64, manager of The Dalles branch of the United States National Bank of Portland for the past 11 years, died at his home here yesterday after a long illness.

Reynolds was a native of Mountain Home, Ida., and a graduate of the university of Oregon. He started his banking career in Salem and later was manager of a bank at Astoria.

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A funeral service should cost no more, in proportion, than a person would spend for anything else in accordance with his usual standard of living. We discourage anyone from "going overboard" and creating an obligation that would mean an eventual hardship.

In any event, it is something you should know before such an expenditure has to be made. It costs nothing to find out, and there is no obligation involved.

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