

Wilbur, the Office Grouch, Pretends Lack of Interest in Women's Sack Fad

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New York — Wilbur, our office grouch, has adopted a philosophic outlook on the fad of bag, or sack, dresses in which milady is chemising herself.

"It is none of my affair," he said. "If women want to make asses of themselves in sackcloth, let them go right ahead."

He said it, not me. Take your complaints to him. Pressed on what he really thought about the new fashion, he said: "I think it's merely bagging the question, the question of the bag may turn out to be academic. In the case of women's styles, now you see it, now you don't. The New York fashion showings a couple weeks ago plumped for a gunnysack look for American galhood."

But in Paris, whence the sack shape sprang forth like a monstrous ogre last July and breathed its poisonous message around the world, the spring season showings this week so far seem to be the greatest reversal — from sacks to sex — since Roy Riegels galloped to glory.

Doubtless influenced by anguished cries from males in all nations, the Parisian fashion

boys are said to be sacking the sack and returning to clothing that shows signs of what's underneath it.

However, in Italy there's still bad news. The Italian fashions, instead of reversing themselves to something more form-fitting, have progressed right through the sack onward and outward into a thing called the barrel shape. It looks something like a blimp standing on end.

What of the Future?
So much for the future? present. What of the future?

A New York firm put on a show recently in which it attempted to project what a ladies' retail clothing department

might look like 10 years from now. Three predictions were notable.

One was the idea that a decade from now women might be fitted by radar.

Another was the suggestion that a brassiere might be manufactured on a do-it-yourself basis — applied in a spray-on from an aerosol bottle and removable by washing.

The third idea was an electronic cash register with its tendrils in all phases of the business, able to tell the proprietor not only the current sale but also keeping track of the stock sold and how much is left.

Five States Outlaw Bias in Housing

Chicago — Discrimination is now prohibited by five states in housing financed by mortgages, backed by government agencies, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials reported.

Four of the states, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington, added the laws this year, New York had passed legislation earlier.

Bills prohibiting bias in any housing, whether publicly backed or not, came near passage but failed in the Minnesota and New York legislatures.

Minnesota's legislature, however, set up a commission to investigate the need for such legislation in the state.



STUDENTS SKIRMISH WITH POLICE—A group of Neapolitan students falls to the ground during skirmishes with police in front of the Naples State University. Some 80 students had barricaded themselves inside one of the university's buildings to protest a new state examination law. About 60 students were injured. Protests were also staged at other Italian universities. The new law imposes an examination upon the student after he graduates and before he is allowed to practice his profession.

Y Government Activities Start

Annual youth and government activities get under way at the Young Men's Christian association with the selection of candidates by each Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y club in Medford. The youth and government program is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Area Council of YMCA's to provide high school boys and girls opportunities to learn processes of government by actual participation; and to discover through practical experiences, the problems, obligations, and responsibilities of Christian citizenship in the American democracy.

Three high school clubs will be participating in this program from Medford. They are Senior Tri Hi-Y, Rogue Hi-Y and Theata Rho Iota Tri Hi-Y. Each club will select representatives to serve in the youth sessions in Salem.

Ben Day, district chairman, said after each club chooses its candidates, they meet in a pre-legislative session to select legislative offices and review bills they plan to submit for action. Pre-legislative activities for the southern Oregon district have been set for Feb. 15 at Southern Oregon college.

The southern Oregon district includes Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls.

Neuberger Asks Rate Suspension

Washington — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to suspend a two per cent freight increase on lumber and forest products.

Neuberger said the ICC announced the increase during the last week of December, to be effective Feb. 1, "thus denying the lumber industry sufficient time to oppose it."

In a letter to ICC Chairman Howard G. Freas, Neuberger said that if the proposed increases are allowed to become effective "the inevitable result can only mean a further decrease of lumber shipping in Oregon, and another sharp increase in unemployment."

Carl E. Mohr Named ROTC Officer at OSC

Corvallis — Carl E. Mohr of Medford has been named to one of the top cadet officer posts in the 1,145-student Army ROTC brigade at Oregon State college.

He has been picked as a company executive officer and will serve in that capacity the rest of the year. Selections were made by the Army ROTC staff on the basis of demonstrated leadership qualities and ability in the exercise of command.

Mohr is a senior majoring in business and technology. A 1954 graduate of Medford High school, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mohr, 12 Black Oak dr.

EX-TENNIS ACE DIES

New York — Charles Chambers, a former amateur tennis champion and attorney, died Tuesday following a stroke at the Long Island College hospital. He would have been 77 Wednesday. Chambers, a life-long resident of Brooklyn, was a winning player in amateur tennis tournaments from 1910 to 1925 and a founder of the Eastern Lawn Tennis association.

Discussion Groups To Launch Great Decisions, 1958

Corvallis — About 500 neighborhood discussion groups will launch Oregon's 1958 Great Decisions program the week of Feb. 2, aimed at building informed public opinion on world affairs.

The series will run for eight weeks, studying eight key foreign policy issues this country faces in 1958. Newspapers, television, and radio stations are cooperating in the program, reviewing and discussing the issues. State Chairman Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant director of Oregon State college extension service, said.

Twenty-nine Oregon counties have set up Great Decisions councils to help organize and service discussion groups in both rural and urban communities. Other counties are participating on a more limited basis, the state chairman said.

Informal Discussion
The informal discussions are usually carried on in private homes in groups of six to 12 persons. Mrs. Mack said this is the week to organize or join neighborhood groups to participate in the first issue — "Can We Deal With Russia?" — scheduled throughout the week of Feb. 2.

Discussion materials and information on organizing groups can be obtained through local county extension offices. In Medford, fact sheets are available from the Medford Public library.

Key foreign policy issues for the eight-week period starting Feb. 2 will be discussed in the following order. Can We Deal With Russia? What Security in The Rocket Age? United Europe — Partner or Rival? Middle East — New U. S. Responsibility? Awakening Africa — Threat or Promise? What U. S. Economic Policy For Survival? Should the U. S. Trade with Red China? and Whose U.N. Is It?

In addition to background material carried by press, radio, and television, all discussion group members may obtain "fact sheet" booklets on each issue prepared by the Foreign Policy association, a non-partisan, non-profit organization of world affairs analysts.

The Oregon program is co-sponsored by OSC extension service and the general extension division of the state system of higher education. Also cooperating are the Oregon state department of education, the state library, and 25 statewide organizations representing churches, civic groups, farm organizations, and women's groups.

The first bridge across the Arkansas River at Little Rock was completed in 1873.



CELEBRATE JIMINEZ OUSTER—Carrying brooms symbolic of the cleanup in their country, residents of Caracas, Venezuela, parade in street following the overthrow of Pres. Marcos Perez Jimenez and his secret police.

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