

# From Oregon's Press

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## Democratic Type Harmony

Oregon Democratic Chairman Bob Straub has been talking the past few days about what a harmonious state convention the Democrats had in Salem.

It's easy to see that the big, loose limbed legislator from Eugene is a peace loving man, and we have been pondering what he may have meant by "harmony."

One of the reasons we have admired the Democrats so many years is their disinclination toward harmony if it means dictation or unendurable compromises.

We liked the differences that appeared at the state convention, the diversities of thought that caused change after change in some resolutions offered in committee and on the floor of the convention.

We have always been more than slightly suspicious of too-smooth operations, whether in a family, city council, legislature or political convention.

We have always liked the rough and ready, give and take of the democratic processes of the Democrats. We liked what we saw at Salem.

Maybe that's harmony. It sure sounded good to our ears.

It sounded like free people arriving at mutual decisions through reasonable compromises. Maybe we could call it harmonious democracy. — Coos Bay World.

## New Evidence On Fluorides

There is still a small but vocal hard core of people in our community who are opposed to the addition of fluorides to our water supply. These people blame every ill from hang-nails to fallen arches on the chemical.

But as time goes by the intelligence of our citizens in voting for the fluoride becomes more and more obvious.

The most recent survey on results of scientific experiments with fluorides comes from Long Island. There are in Long Island twin communities called Carle Place and Mineola. The former has fluorides in the water and the latter does not. In Mineola three local dentists, assisted by the State Bureau of Dental Health, have kept close check on more than 1,000 students in the two areas. The survey has gone on for seven years and results show that students in Mineola have fifty per cent MORE cavities than do the students from Carle Place.

Another test result comes from two communities in New

York, Kingston and Newburgh. A check was started in 1944 and by 1952 a reduction of 47 per cent in tooth decay was noted among the youngsters in the city using fluorides. This has now increased to 58 per cent.

None of the three largest cities in Oregon have fluorides in their water supply. The newspapers in both Salem and Eugene have done their best to educate their people to the advantages but so far to no avail. They still have hopes, however, and each one occasionally runs stories or editorials on the subject.

Portland, on the other hand, must be considered to be a city right out of the dark ages. There they don't have fluorides in the water, dogs are permitted to run at large, they don't have the much more efficient council-manager form of government, their weather is lousy and they probably don't know yet that Oregon State won the liberal arts battle. Ah, well, this didn't start out to be an anti-Portland editorial but a pro fluoride effort, and a pat on the back for Corvallis voters. — Corvallis Gazette-Times.

## Sunday Car Sales?

The auto dealer, new to Salem, who is ignoring the city's no-Sunday-sales ordinance may not be the most popular fellow at the next dealers' meeting, but he's right.

The only thing you can't do in Salem on Sunday is sell a car. The rare, if not unique, ordinance, was passed in 1939 after first being defeated and then tied in the council. Behind it were 66 local car dealers who wanted Sunday off.

Sunday, in most cities, is an auto dealer's biggest day, especially in the used car field.

Such specialized blue laws have no lofty principle behind them. A city's lawmaking powers are based on the need to protect the health and safety of its residents. But the auto sales law obviously and admittedly is designed only as a convenience to a certain group.

The bank measure of a couple years ago which failed was a direct parallel. It would have prohibited banking on Saturday.

A law prohibiting publication of newspapers on holidays would make life softer in the business, but it would be an equally improper use of city or state police power.

And the whole concept becomes absurd when you apply it to other fields and extend it.

If one day can be put off limits by law, why can't two or four or even six days be

restricted in almost any field? Since people have to eat they'd buy just about as much if markets were open only on Tuesdays as they do all week. And what a fine, high-profit, high-leisure life it would make for market operators.

We presume the dealer's test case will invalidate the law, for it is of questionable constitutionality. If not the council should repeal it. — Salem Capital Journal.

## Legislators' Pay Bill

It is to be hoped that the petition to put the \$2100 annual legislators' pay on the ballot will gather plenty of signatures so the people will get a chance to right a wrong that is seriously endangering good government in Oregon.

The present \$600 wages received by Oregon legislators is merely a token amount, and each person serving in the legislature must take funds from his pocket in order not to end up in debt at the end of each session.

Furthermore it also means that many good men and women who would like to serve the state cannot afford to go to Salem where they might well have a hand in important and constructive progress.

We are told that two of our favorite legislators will not file for re-election because they cannot afford to be away from their jobs at the next session.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court, while undoubtedly just in the legal interpretation, that legislators could not legislate their own salaries, is odd when the legislature has raised other state officials including supreme court justices in the past.

Oregon voters need to take a good long look at the high caliber men they have in the legislature, and decide to at least give them a "break-even" salary. The state cannot afford to make the legislature a job only the rich or the privileged can afford to hold. We need people from all walks of life, people who work with their hands as well as the professional white-collar folk. That makes for better richer laws. — Coquille Valley Sentinel.

## Below Normal Rainfall Noted

Precipitation at Medford's Big Butte Springs weather station was slightly below normal during January, according to Robert Lee, city water superintendent.

Chances of recording a normal amount of rainfall this year are even less than they have been because of January's rainfall, Lee said.

A total of four inches fell last month, compared to the normal January rainfall of 5½ inches, he said.

This brings the total for the agricultural year, which runs from September through August, to only 10 inches, compared to the normal 21½ inches.

Lee pointed out that chances of making up for the 11½ inch deficit are very remote because in normal years some 60 per cent of the total rainfall has fallen by the end of January.

The average yearly amount of rainfall at the weather station is 37 inches, Lee said.

## Two Appear in Circuit Court

Mrs. Faye Keever, 45, of 317 Marie St., Medford, appeared before Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly Thursday and imposition of sentence was suspended for 10 years on charges of larceny by embezzlement.

Mrs. Keever was directed to refrain from drinking intoxicating liquor, to work where she does not have to handle money, and to use a portion of her salary to pay back the money taken.

She had pleaded guilty to taking \$17,607 from the Verl G. Walker company, Medford from Nov. 1, 1957, to Aug. 10, 1959, while an employe of the company.

The case of Jack LeRoy Vincent, 25, of Jacksonville, charged with burglary not in a dwelling, was continued. William E. Duhaime was appointed his attorney. Vincent is charged with entering the Jacksonville Dental laboratory Jan. 21.

Salem — The supervisor of the state's meat inspection program, Dr. William L. Searles, has resigned effective Feb. 15.

# Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

## ON ALGERIA

The surrender of the rebels who had barricaded themselves in Algiers is only a magnificent beginning.

Gen. de Gaulle has crushed the rebellion by exerting his authority and by imposing his discipline upon the Army.

Thus he has proved to the French nation, to the Moslem nationalists, and to all the world, that he meant what he said last September when he promised self-determination in Algeria. But in asking the French National Assembly for special powers, he has made it clear that the resistance to his Algerian policy is wider and greater than the rebellion behind the barricade in Algiers.

The surrender on Monday morning did not mean that this resistance has been liquidated. It meant, rather, that Gen. de Gaulle has committed himself and the overwhelming majority of the French nation to the hard and painful task of overcoming this resistance. For behind the young zealots who manned the barricades there are very powerful economic, political, and military interests which are determined to nullify Gen. de Gaulle's promise of self-determination. They intend to nullify this promise because they believe that genuine self-determination in Algeria must mean that Algeria will become an independent Moslem state in which the European settlers will be a weak and harassed minority.

THE SITUATION is one in which this country has a part to play. Before Gen. de Gaulle defined his policy last September we were in a quandary. For when we undertook to form a policy in the United Nations and among the Arab and African governments with whom we are in communication, what we got from Paris was only a demand that we give them unconditional support in a war which we believed could not be won.

But after the General spoke in September, there existed a real alternative to the cruel and inconclusive war. We had then every reason to support his offer of self-determination, and last November in the United Nations we made a mistake, it seems to me, in not giving France our positive support.

Now, the case for positive support is even clearer. Until the uprising in Algiers, it could be said with some reason that the General's policy was verbal, and that it had not yet been tested against the French opposition. It has now had its first test and, though this test is far from conclusive, the moment has come when we may be able to exert a positive influence towards making it conclusive.

We might begin by making it known that we do not regard the problem of Algeria as primarily that of liquidating colonialism and ending imperialism. Algeria differs decisively from India and Pakistan, from Burma and Ceylon, from Egypt and Syria and Iraq, from Tunisia and Morocco, from Ghana and Guinea. The difference is that the European population is a settled community, and although it is in a minority of one-to-eight, this is a very large minority.

IF THERE were as large a proportion of British in India as there are Europeans in Algeria, there would be some 50,000,000 of them. And if there were 50,000,000 British settlers in India, the independence of India could not have been carried out as it was.

The problem of Algeria is not a simple colonial problem which can be solved, as respects the demand for political independence, by withdrawing the troops and repatriating the colonial administrators. The problem in Algeria is the problem of a society in which two communities, with very different ways of life, have to live separately but intermingled.

The problem of France in Algeria is essentially and in principle the same problem that the British face in all the African territories where the white settlers are a strongly established community. It is the problem of constructing and governing a plural society. When the different communities are sharply different owing to religion, race, or the level of their development — as in Ireland, Palestine, and the old British In-

dia — the problem of the plural society has rarely been solved.

HAVING made it known that the problem does not fit into the traditional pattern of colonialism and imperialism, we should recognize that Gen. de Gaulle is committed to an experiment which must be given every chance to succeed. It is in the general interest not only of France and of Algeria but also of the rest of Africa and of the peace of the world that this experiment in creating a plural society should succeed.

For if it fails, the outcome will at the best be a partition of Algeria with the French Army occupying the coast and the immediate hinterland. At the worst the outcome will be chaos in which tyranny will flourish. We should use our good offices in Tunisia and Morocco, and in other countries which have befriended the Algerian Nationalists, to persuade them that this is the time, which if missed may never return, to collaborate with Gen. de Gaulle in order to end the war and to prepare for the process of self-determination. After the events of the past ten days, Gen. de Gaulle has proved his good faith, and he has earned the right to be supported.

All this does not mean that we should show our support in any ostentatious and embarrassing way. There should be no thought of any kind of

# Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ONE OF BILLY ROSE'S funniest stories concerns the time he was hired as a "consultant" for Universal Pictures. The Laemmle family still ruled that company with an iron hand, and it was to them that Billy presented his great idea. "You're going to make 'Show Boat,' I know," said Billy, "but this is its second time around in movie form, and you've got to have some new feature to advertise. And since by this time everybody in the country knows songs like 'Of Man River' and 'Can't Help Lovin' That Man,' I propose that you throw out the whole Jerome Kern score, and have a brand new one written for the picture."

When people burst out laughing at this ludicrous notion, Billy Rose says, "Go ahead and laugh—but they accepted the idea and had a new score for 'Show Boat' actually written. I don't recall what it cost them—but I do know I parted company with Universal a short time later."

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intervention. Nor should we have any illusions of grandeur about the weight of our influence in this part of the world. We should be quiet. But we should be clear. We should be clear about making it known to those who are really concerned that our hesitations and abstentions during the autumn have been replaced by a policy of positive support.  
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## NAMED COCHAIRMAN

Eugene — Frank Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Albert, 304 South Peach St., Medford, has been named cochairman with Jack Turner of Highland, Calif., for Dad's Week End which will take place at the University of Oregon campus Feb. 19-20. Albert, a sophomore, is majoring in psychology.

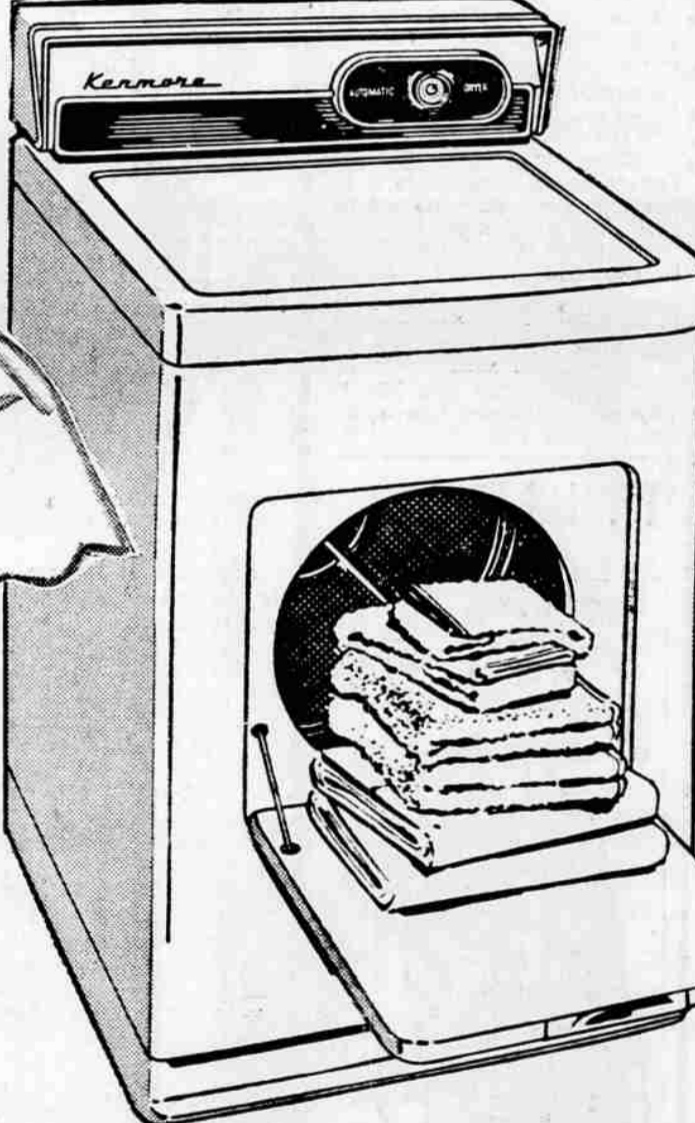
Salem — (UP) — State Rep. C. R. Hoyt (R-Corvallis), has filed for reelection.



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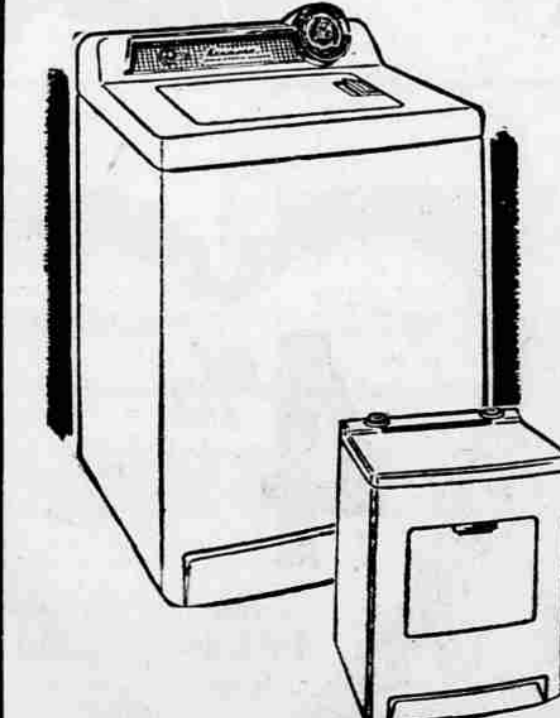


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