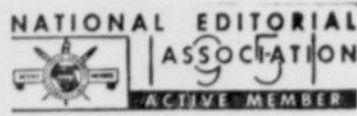


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N. Santiam Chamber of Commerce

Soon there will be an annual meeting of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce. This organization was started with great hopes and ambitions. Those great hopes and ambitions have so far not materialized with the speed we would like. We do not here wish that the impression be gained that we are not pleased with what has been done towards putting the North Santiam canyon "on the map". Any step in this direction is a proper step. We think that this embryo organization can grow and develop to the point that it becomes a vital part of this community.

We are facing the very real fact that the great amount of construction work in this area will soon halt. We must find the solution for the set-back this will mean. It is not an impossible situation, despite the predications to the contrary. With the eve of the end of power dam construction upon us we know that new industries will come to this area.

It is increasingly clear that the coming of new industries is linked vitally to the presence of quantities of cheap electric power in this immediate area. We are quite convinced that new industries have not begun construction work or started operations in this area because of lack of that electric power. The North Santiam Chamber of Commerce can effectively assure industry that it can have power in this area. It is up to the citizens of the North Santiam whether or not they will use the means at hand for gaining for this area the peoples and economy they so richly desire and roundly need. We hope that the leaders of this community can lead out with inspiration during the coming year and thereby insure for this area a victory in industrial development.

Personal Servants

The front pages of the Salem papers recently exposed for public consumption the following fact: A woman inmate of the Oregon State penitentiary had escaped. Gaining their freedom illegally is unusual for women inmates. What may not have been noticed of great unusual nature, however, was the fact that the woman was very much outside the prison walls before she "escaped".

It has always been our thought that anyone duly committed to the Oregon State penitentiary can visit the outside only if duly called outside by court order or climbed the prison wall or done some similar spectacular feat. Why was this woman "outside" those penitentiary gates?

The facts on this question also were on the front pages. This woman escapee was "outside" Oregon's penitentiary because she was the maid servant of one of the prison's officials. Query: Did this official get a court order for this sort of thing? If he did we certainly would like the title of the court giving it.

This newspaper does not favor the use of inmates of state institutions as personal servants for the officials of this state. This type of conduct smacks of slavery, pure and simple.

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Editorial Comments

FREEDOM NEEDS EXERCISE

The National Council of Jewish Women has launched a campaign with an arresting slogan: "Speak Up! Freedom Needs Exercise!" The council believes that the atmosphere of the United States has become so charged—and countercharged—that increasing numbers of people fear to speak up freely in defense of their honest but unpopular convictions.

The great enemy of freedom is totalitarianism. At its most vicious it assumes the form of the police state, with all the appurtenances of thought control, "brainwashing," forced confessions, etc. But even in the free society the tyrannical tendency of the human mind would try to infiltrate the methods of totalitarianism into the democratic process. It would deceive, if it could, the very elect. In the name of anti-communism it would try to stamp out nonconformity. In "defending" freedom it would smear independence.

We are glad to hear the council speak up. Americans of all sorts have never in their history feared to speak their minds, and we do not think that freedom in the United States is going to fall victim to smear and fear now. But it DOES need exercise. — From Christian Science Monitor.

NATO LENGTHENS ITS STRIDE

The Lisbon Conference of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has produced a great deal more than the very guarded advance notices led observers to expect. Cautious optimism was a wise note to strike under the circumstances and it is equally a wise attitude to maintain during precarious days ahead for the plans so boldly and encouragingly announced.

The statesmen have risen to the occasion; it now remains to be seen whether the peoples and their politicians have the largeness of view and the forward-looking realism to follow the leaders.

The times cry out for unity. Not only in defense but even more urgently for unity of vision as to the magnificent possibilities of a peaceful world.

The writing of a master defense plan to protect human freedoms against a throwback to a kind of medieval despotism calling itself communism—this is only a passing phase, though for the moment and maybe for several years a well-nigh desperate phase.

The determination to raise a NATO defense force of 50 divisions in Europe this year, to back it with airfields, and to authorize a combined army from the six western nations on the continent of Europe—all these are extremely important steps, probably vital to the security of the West against totalitarian ambition.

But after a military balance has been achieved, then what? The freedom-loving and peace-loving nations must have the steadiness of hand neither to relax the strength they have attained nor be tempted to go on increasing it until armed might becomes an obsession. Both in this respect and in practical prospects for accomplishment it is well that the military goals for 1953 and 1954 are left tentative and provisional.

But while there are goals of peace-making at the end of the long road laid out for a divided world, there are problems also in conciliation and the cementing of friendship among nations whose leaders have thus proclaimed their alliance.

The European Army treaty, with its surrenders of authority to a six-nation joint council and amalgamation of French, German, and other divisions into a single force, has yet to be ratified in the French, German, and other parliaments.

Opposition is intense especially in France, the very country of origin of the Pleven Plan. In France, too, the economic difficulties of sustaining the rearmament program are most severe, as witness the problems of Premier Faure in supporting the franc at the very moment he must declare for a 15 percent increase in already grievous taxes.

Yet France must be the keystone of continental defenses. To make the structure strong, there will need yet to be heavy reliance on funds, supplies, and some manpower from the United States. How willing American sentiment will be to continue carrying financially the major load is al-

ways a matter for concern. Yet the willingness which has been shown by European governments to pool their resources and to live up closely to the contributions which the NATO Council Committee has laid out for them makes American participation visibly more worthwhile.

Altogether, the Lisbon Conference marks a historic step.—From Christian Science Monitor.

Editor's Letter Box

To the Editor:

I would very much like to know why neither one of our school gymnasiums can ever be used for community affairs, such dances. With the exception of last summer's Air Show dance and coronation, I cannot recall any general use having been made of them outside of the Firemen's annual raffle and dance.

It would seem to me that our young people and their parents would far rather attend dances here than be obliged to drive miles out of town for such recreation. There are always those minus the means of transportation, and even those having it cause considerable worry to their parents.

Most schools hold dances and all manner of public affairs in their gymnasiums, as a building of this type is generally conceded to be ideal for large public gatherings. How much more efficient and successful a March of Dimes dance would be, for instance, in a fine large gymnasium, rather than crowded in a tiny hall! In small communities such as ours the school gymnasium should be the logical center for such activities. They are in other places.

I recall two years ago that the members of the Gates school board assured me that they considered their school gymnasium the property of their community, and that any responsible group was always more than welcome to use it. I also recall instances where local dancing groups went to the Gates school gymnasium because they were unable to find a suitable place in Mill City.

Perhaps someone, through this column, will answer my question—why cannot our school gymnasium be used for community affairs and dances?
FAITH VENESS.



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By Anne Good

One note of caution about that pretty lingerie you got for Christmas! Be very careful not to wash the white nylons with colored items. White nylon is terribly susceptible to color and will pick up the slightest amount of dye.

Need a new lamp shade? It's wise to see it lighted before you buy. Then you can check to see if the shade is thick enough to prevent the shape of the bulb from showing through. If the shade is colored, be sure it has an opaque white lining so that the light isn't tinted by the color of the shade.

These simple flavor tricks are worth knowing about. Mix vitaminized margarine with chopped green olives and spread on broiled hamburger steaks. Divine! Top cooked green beans with a mixture of margarine and finely chopped onion. The whole family will love em! Sauté croissants in margarine with a clove of garlic till lightly brown add to tossed green salads or soups for a gourmet touch.

Most everybody loves mashed potatoes but if you don't vary the flavor you're missing something special. For example add chopped onion or parsley or pimiento or grated cheese singly or in combination. For a completely different and delicious tater treat stir real mayonnaise, milk, grated lemon rind and salt in mashed potatoes and beat till light and fluffy.

Place citrus fruit in hot water a few minutes before peeling and marvel at how easily the outside and under skins will come off. It will be easier to separate into segments, too.



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

They Do
"Give A Hoot" For Easy

Easy Roberts finally got rid of the noisy pigeons that used to whoop it up under his eaves.

He must have tried a dozen ways to scare them off. But no matter what he did, they would be right back cooing by his window the next morning.

Then Easy thought of an old stuffed owl he had in his attic. He propped it on the roof so's all the pigeons could see it. They left ... and three hoot owls have taken their place. Easy swears the hooting is even worse than the cooing of the pigeons.

From where I sit, quite often a "bright idea" will turn out to be "not so bright" after all. That's why we should never be too cocksure of our ideas and opinions—but always try to keep an open mind. I believe a refreshing glass of beer is the best thirst-quencher—you may believe differently. But who's to say one's right and the other is wrong? Let's just practice tolerance. It'll save a lot of hootin' and hollerin'.

Joe Marsh



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