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## BILL-BBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

An election year ought to be a good one for the people to turn back to the land of fairy tales. It should serve as a balance to keep the world even, for when else would you find an era, a people and a world so filled with the wonderful creatures of fantasy? The Wizard of Oz, the Mad Hatter, The Tortoise and the Hare, the Jabberwocky, The Giant and the Ogre can be found in their natural state and habitat during any real good election year.

But I doubt it will be any of these that the little people will yearn for. For the vision of the little people is being dimmed and their outlook twisted and distorted by the crushing weight of world events. Like the wonderful looking glass that threw back the equally wonderful images. The glass we have today is just as mythical as that one, but the image it throws back is neither wonderful, accurate nor imbued with magical qualities of prognostication.

No, I think the fairy tale the people would turn today is of foreign origin. Back to the days of the Leprechaun!

If you don't know what a Leprechaun is or if you don't believe in them then you won't have read this far anyway, and you'll have missed out on a lot of fun.

But if you don't know, a Leprechaun is a tiny little Irish mischievous (sprite if you prefer, but I take the more personal view of it) who spends his life making shoes, grinding meal and in many ways being kind and thoughtful toward humans who treat him with equal dignity and respect. In addition to these sterling qualities the tiny

little people possess the secret of wealth and will reveal it to you if you will let them in a steady state without letting your glance waver for an instant.

So that is why I think the Leprechaun would be the leader if we were to dip again into antiquity and mythology. Where else in the world will you find the combination of kindness blended with the eternal secret of untold wealth? And where else could there be a more fruitful unification of ideas and materialistic embodiments?

Wealth without kindness leads but to sorrow and death and destruction. Kindness without wealth is an impotent protest against the wall of the world.

Of course, for some of us it isn't a matter of turning back into the phantasmagoria of fairyland. Not in the case of the Leprechaun it isn't. For they're not myths. That's why you so often see us walking with bent head and attentive ear. We're listening for the sound of the tiny cobbler's hammer as he works away at his shoe-making.

Joie Chitwood and his auto devils were in town the other night and I don't remember reading of any mishap occurring during their thrilling (they tell me) show at the local fairgrounds. But legally they didn't fare quite so well. Spotted one of his cars the following morning.

That's why you so often see us sporting one of those yellow banners the police use for calling cars. You might survive a crash but you can't get away with parking without paying for it.

One blustery noontime last winter Ernest Kolbe, the big shot Western Pine Association forester who used to be stationed here; Dale Prentice, the present Western Pine forest protection engineer here; and Ted Durman, the forester who offered to buy this column's lunch.

We knew there'd be a catch to it, but accepted anyway. The catch turned out to be porcupine. That's right, the pincushion rodent of the woods. The fat, ambling, porky of the woods.

Here's the way it is, they said. The porcupine is the greatest enemy of the woods there is. These pesky critters destroy more timber than anybody ever dreamed of harvesting. And the trouble is that nobody realizes it.

When you mention porcupine, most people think of the old myth about the porky being the lost man's friend—the one animal he always kills and eat for sustenance.

How many persons that were lost in the woods ever saved themselves by killing and eating a porcupine? None. Not one. But people still think they're good for that reason and so actually protect them. The predators that prey on natural enemies of the porkies are kept down, and the porkies multiply and they're eating up our trees. It's awful.

If it's that bad, we asked mildly, why don't you kill 'em off.

That's just it, they said. To keep the porcupines down we need the help of every man who enters the woods—every fisherman, hunter, picnicker and hiker... and that's you come in.

You are hereby officially delegated, Kolbe said with flincher pointed our way like a six shooter, you

are delegated and charged with the job of popularizing the porcupine as a game animal, a food animal if you please.

All you have to do is to tell how succulent and savory a roast porcupine really is. Just give the recipe—like for sourdough hot cakes or rare pot roast—that's all there is to it. Just—

Is a porcupine good to eat, we interrupted. How do you cook one? What things? Do you skin 'em or pick 'em?

Well...uh...of course they're good to eat. You can get a recipe for cooking a porcupine easy enough. Or, better yet, kill one and cook it yourself. You'll become famous.

The lunch was fair; the talk was persuasive. We agreed to take the matter under advisement.

The next morning, we've not been able to pin anyone down to admitting that he ever killed, cooked and ate a porcupine, or if so, that the work thing was even palatable.

A hard working newspaperman hardly ever has a chance to get off the pavement, of course, and we've not been able to conduct the experiment first hand.

That's the way it stands.

That's the way it stands except that just this week Dale Prentice, whose Western Pine domain includes all of our Southern Oregon and Northern California country, showed up with some scientifically compiled data on porcupine damage.

He has just taken actual tree counts in sample areas on the reproduction trees that have been chewed up by Mr. Porky. On reproduction trees, the average growth trees clear up to 24 inches in diameter, here's the percentage of trees that show porcupine damage: Greensprings area: 6.5 per cent. Thomas Creek area, northwest of Lakeview: 26 per cent. Westside Mill area in Lake County: 28.2 per cent. Klamath Marsh area, Camp 11 Road vicinity: 33.6 per cent. Ross Creek area, north of the Warner Valley road beyond Lakeview: 58.8 per cent.

That's a fact—over half the young growth damaged by porcupines in some places. Many of the larger trees were girdled near their bases. Prentice said some Canyon showed the dead tops blown out, some had grown to "umbrella" shape, none will ever produce a sawlog.

So, Mr. Fisherman and Woodsmen, you have to be approved by Oregon and would be subject to any federal approval necessitated by statute. Woodley further ruled that Atkinson could not issue stock without the land board's go-ahead. Oregon has tentatively approved down Atkinson's dredging application, but Atkinson has appealed and hearing is scheduled to be held at Salem some time this month.

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## James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman is about the only politician having a good time.

Since he says he wants to vacate his present premises and has nothing to lose personally, he can sit back and enjoy the show.

It's a show the like of which hasn't been seen in these parts in 20 years.

The Republicans, especially the Taft and Eisenhower fans, are beating one another over the head with sticks that get harder every day.

Since that is an occupation which, if pursued with enough gusto, might wreck the Republican party, it can hardly displease Truman.

He wants his own Democrats to win, of course, but at the moment the Democratic would-be presidents—at least those out in the open—are busy beating their gums.

Truman is letting them beat and hasn't named a favorite. He can afford to wait because his Democrats have at least one advantage over the Republicans in this campaign.

They hold their Chicago convention to pick a candidate almost two weeks after the Republicans have chosen theirs in the same place, a bit of political luxury enjoyed by the Democrats every four years.

This year, with their own race wide open, it may be quite a help to them depending what the Republicans do—to be able to make a choice to fit the situation.

In fact some Democrats still hiding in the bushes with their suppressed desires for the White House may come charging out if they think the man the Republicans pick is one they can whip.

Once the conventions are over, Truman promises to take to the road for his party's candidate. He knows the road pretty well, having been over it in 1948 with much success.

And if there's a gleam in Truman's eye when he wakes up these days it may come from having dreams the Republicans, by their preoccupation and convention tactics, may split them selves beyond repair.

The snarls exchanged between the Tafts and the Eisenhowers fans get a little uglier every day.

Thursday, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Eisenhower's campaign manager, accused the Taft forces of planning a "roughhouse" at the convention. He said their actions are "slyster."

Taft himself got into the fight by saying the Eisenhower people are "slysters" when they have an opportunity.

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Action on other resolutions included: Support of severe penalties, including life imprisonment, for narcotic peddlers; Limiting official grange recognition to three insurance organizations—The Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Oregon, the Grange Insurance Association of Washington and the Grange Mutual Life of Nampa, Idaho; Abandonment of support for the so-called blanket primary election procedure which would permit voting for candidates from either party in primary elections; Refuse to endorse a plan calling for a two-term limit for elected state and county officials; Urged federal construction of Ice Harbor and Hells Canyon Dams; Opposed private construction of the proposed Pelton Dam.

## Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Ovan Ivanovich is going to the Olympics. And the entire sports world is buzzing with gossip about what will happen to the Russian team at Helsinki next month.

The decision to let Soviet athletes compete in the international games puts the Politburo to its supreme test. The Communist leaders have held that the ideology has given Russia the world's greatest science, art, and literature. Now they are going to show that ideology also builds better bodies.

Is a Communist muscle necessarily better than a liberty-loving muscle? The Soviet athletes are being sent to prove to us. And it's not a pleasant prospect to be in. You must feel like old Roman gladiators, told to win or face the consequences—a down-turned thumb.

Soviet athletes take their training seriously. One report is that they keep in shape by reading Karl Marx all morning, and then taper off in the afternoon by wrestling live bears. Before going to bed they relax by doing full knee bends with a copy of Life of Stalin on each shoulder.

They will be alerted to any possible Western trickery. In this respect they can get a few tips from Communist Mikhail Botvinnik, the world chess champion.

Botvinnik ordinarily gets ready for a big match in Russia by walking, running and cycling. But he takes extraordinary measures to prepare himself for competition outside his own country.

A Russian chess expert recently described his strange methods as follows: "Before Botvinnik plays a match in a Western country, he spends

three weeks with a companion, working out problems while a radio blares in the background and his companion blows smoke in his face."

Soviet leaders must be already a bit worried about the possible effect contact with the Western world will have on their athletes. And not without reason.

Let us imagine, for example, what happens when Ivan Ivanovich, a Russian weight lifter, meets up with Jim Biceps, an American contender.

The first thing they do, of course, is feel each other's muscles gingerly. All weight lifters do that. It's their way of saying "hello."

"We, who will win the championship!" says Jim. "I will get a foreman's job in my factory—perhaps also a Stalin medal," replies Ivan. "What will be your reward if you win?" asks Ivan.

"Oh, I'll turn pro," says Jim. "What does that mean?" asks Ivan. "Oh," says Biceps. "It means I'll probably get a job playing Tarzan in the States. I'll start manufacturing our belts under my own name, and a correspondence course in muscle building. Then there are the breakfast food endorsements, television appearances, and book-writing rights."

"All in all, I suppose I will clear \$100,000 the first year," says Ivan. "That ain't rubles," sighs Ivan. "But he will wander off. A Communist tainted for life, wondering what he can get a chance to play Tarzan, too."

Once a horse sees hay it is hard to get him to eat sawdust—and like it.

Klaus Fuchs is a perfect example. He was Communist, with definite convictions. At first he kept the fact quiet in his adopted Britain. He was a spy, as a handicap to his developing career as a scientist. But once he began spying for Russia, he had a better reason.

Fuchs became almost a model for a scientist working on a secret wartime project. He not only did nothing to stir suspicion. He aligned himself—not too ostentatiously—with those who were "tough about security." He usually spoke against releasing classified information to the public.

This pose helped make him a perfect "sleeper"—a spy whose habits are so circumspect that he virtually never draws attention. A spy net must be a spy with a loose tongue. Alger Hiss was one.

That's why character testimonies in the Hiss trial and similar proceedings are really beside the point. Of course the spy can produce men to attest to his character. He would not be a spy if he could not. If he went around arousing everybody's suspicion, spouting Soviet propaganda and the like, his usefulness to a potential enemy would be zero.

The policy influencer has his role too, but it is a distinct one. Those who see the two roles as interchangeable are simply ill-informed about Communist methods. They do not read the five-foot shelf of documentary materials. They do not know the enemy—or where he might be found.

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## Passport Head Defended

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.) Friday defended the Passport Division of the State Department and its chief, Mrs. Ruth B. Shibley, against charges of tyrannical action.

"Mrs. Shibley should be commended for efficiency, courtesy and fair play," McCarran told the Senate.

McCarran's defense was in reply to a speech made last week by Sen. Morse (R-Ore.). Morse said the Passport Division operated so secretly that no one—including a U. S. Senator—can find out why an application for a passport has been rejected.

Furthermore, Morse said, anyone who has been turned down has no way to ask for a review. Morse jumped on what he called the Passport Division's "tyrannical, arbitrary and capricious exercise of discretion."

"If passports have been denied in certain cases in which the junior senator from Oregon (Morse) is interested, then the embarrassment is his and not the Passport Division of the Department of State," McCarran said.

Replying directly to McCarran later, Morse accused the Secretary of using intentional innuendo to leave an impression that would do "great damage to a colleague."

"What he was proposing, Morse reiterated, was that an independent board of review be set up to determine if a passport request had been turned down on reasonable grounds."

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The House legislation, a one-year extension to June 30, 1953, was reported favorably by a 15 to 3 Banking Committee vote. But it would end all curbs on consumer and real estate credit at point of sale.

It attacks several parts of the nervous system and it is for this reason that it is called "multiple."

The symptoms vary, depending on what parts of the nervous system are involved.

Since the location varies there are no completely typical symptoms, though seeing double, a trembling or tremor when trying to pick up some object, and a gait that looks somewhat like that of a drunken person are probably the most common. One or all of these may be absent.

Many theories have been suggested about its cause but none of them have held water so far. Also many treatments have been tried including artificial fever, the use of drugs to delay blood coagulation, attempts to desensitize to allergies, vaccines and others.

It appears that long rest is the best form of treatment during the acute stage of multiple sclerosis.

The disease tends to go through periods of great improvement. If these good periods can be lengthened and the bad ones shortened, it is a good sign.

A warm climate and freedom from colds and other infections of the nose and throat may help to prevent the downswings of the disease. The hope for conquering multiple sclerosis lies in research.

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## Northwest Plagued By Five Industry Strikes

Nearly 20,000 persons were idle Friday in the Pacific Northwest as a result of strikes in the bakery, lumber, steel, shipping and newspaper industries.

Most of the strike-caused layoffs were in Western Washington and have extended six weeks or more.

Negotiators still worked at the bargaining table in an effort to bring about settlements in the larger strikes, but prospects of settlement remained uncertain.

Here is the Northwest strike situation as it stood Friday:

Lumber—Some 10,000 members of the International Woodworkers of America were off the job in Northwest Washington and the Grays Harbor area. The principal issues is a union demand for an employer-paid health and welfare plan. Negotiations were scheduled in Seattle Friday afternoon. Union locals recently rejected three alternative proposals by employers. The strike has been on six weeks.

Bakers—AFL bakers struck wholesale plants in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland on May 2, throwing about 3,000 persons out of work. New management proposals were rejected Thursday in Portland and Tacoma. Latest negotiations in Seattle went into their third day without agreement Friday. Main issue is the union demand for Saturdays and Sundays off instead of Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Shoppers—About 1,600 crewmen of 18 ships were "put on the beach" in Seattle when their vessels were held up by the West Coast strike of the AFL sailor Union of the Pacific. Hundreds of other persons whose livelihood depended on this shipping were idled. Negotiations were reported stymied in San Francisco, union headquarters. The ships' demand for a one-year no strike clause is the main barrier to agreement.

Steel—Nearly 1,700 workers in three Seattle steel plants have been "out" since the CIO steelworkers Union called a nation-wide strike after government seizure of the mills was called illegal by the Supreme Court.

Newspaper—About 300 employees of the Tacoma News-Tribune have had no job since April 12 when AFL pressmen struck in support of wage demands. Negotiations, held for the first time last week-end, broke down yesterday over retroactivity of any wage increase.

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