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Council-Manager

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

The Friday vote was a triumph for all those who advocate giving the people all the facts and trusting them to come up with the right answer.

The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the city changing to the Council-Manager form of government, and represented a reversal from previous attempts to gain favoritism for the plan by the residents of the city.

Tribute certainly is due Murdo Morrison and his Council-Manager committee who actually have spent almost two years studying the plan, picking it to pieces and fitting them together again. The group spent many hours of its own time visiting other cities where the city manager plan was in effect.

They not only recommended to the mayor and city council that they put the plan on the ballot, but volunteered to visit, service clubs and other groups to explain the advantages and disadvantages of the plan.

The result was a vote for the plan.

Now the next step is to put the plan into operation.

The mayor and council have indicated that they will not rush into the hiring of a city manager. They wish to have time to assimilate applications, talk with prospective candidates for the job, and by all means possible attempt to select the best man for the job consistent with the money that the city can afford to pay.

The Council-Manager investigative committee formulated some suggestions for the council which I feel are good and bear repeating. They suggested among other things that (1) the council begin immediately a search for the right man by advertising in national city manager publications and by other means, and carefully process all applications received. They pointed out that it may take four months before a man can be hired and be available.

2. They urged if possible that a city manager be selected who has had previous experience in shifting a city from the mayor-council to the Council-Manager plan to minimize friction in the changeover.

3. They urged that the council certainly go outside the city and hire a thoroughly qualified city manager who is either a member of the national city manager association, or qualified to be a member.

They pointed out, also, that since the burden of hiring and firing a city manager lay with the council, it was only proper that the mayor and council select the city manager rather than appointing a civilian committee to do the task.

At the present time, the mayor and council do not have anyone in mind for the job. Also, they don't at this time have a clear-cut idea on what it may actually cost to get the right man for the job.

But the search for a city manager has begun. It's a big forward step for Klamath Falls, and one that I'm convinced will pay off big dividends in the years that lie ahead.

completed the script for another, "The Middle of the Night," and is putting the finishing touches on a Broadway play.

But after 16 years of writing, including a period spent as a gag-writer, he feels he has only now mastered the technique of his craft.

"You're a craftsman when you no longer have to watch your fingers," he explained. "And you can tell when you do something whether it's right or wrong."

"I'm not rich, but I'm comfortably well off. I could lay off a year and get by if I had to. But I want to be prepared for that three-year fallow period they say comes to every writer at some time in his life."

"I feel now I've got the craftsmanship in my hands. Now I want to go on and become a real artist."

"I take myself seriously as a writer, whether anyone else does or not. I spend hours trying to get a single phrase right."

Many who win success find it disappointing. They look with yearning back to some earlier period of their life. Not Chayevsky. Neither his childhood nor his years as a soldier (he was wounded in Europe during the Second World War) hold any romantic appeal to him.

"The happiest time of my life is right now," he said. "I hated the war, and adolescence was the unhappiest period I ever knew."

"Someone once wrote and asked me why I didn't write a play about teen-agers. I couldn't bear to. I couldn't go back and live that misery over again even in memory."

"My son, Danny, is now three years old. My biggest wish is that, somehow, he could skip the years between 10 and 20."

He cited some anti-recession steps already taken by the government: making credit easier; pushing private construction; stepping up purchases for defense needs; and the administration's proposal for extended unemployment pay.

Eisenhower suggested no further action by the government beyond the steps already taken. From then on he gave businessmen advice on what to do.

He said businessmen should: Offer the consumer something better; intensify their research into what consumers want; keep their inventories normal and not let them get too low; buy as an anti-recession move the things they need for their business anyway; have a price policy that will attract and not repel customers.

While telling businessmen to be realistic about prices, Eisenhower nudged labor to be realistic about its wage demands, lest the demands force prices too high.

Events of the past few weeks—the treatment given Vice President Nixon in Latin America, the revolt in Lebanon, the crisis in France—have pushed the recession back in the public consciousness.

This is just temporary. The recession is still here. It will return as a prime topic of discussion as soon as events elsewhere quiet down.

per cent which replaces the tip."

At the fair grounds there are four ways of visiting the exhibits—by motorized trains that rumble through the grounds, by motorized rickshaws, by two-man gondolas that glide along cables suspended over the heads of the crowd. And by foot.

Buying a cocktail, whisky, gin or brandy is no problem in Brussels but it's a costly process.

Spirits cannot legally be sold at bars, restaurants and hotel dining rooms.

Spirits are legal at private clubs, however, and these seem to include a variety of unique establishments.

But, you can get these drinks at hotels.

"The price is a little high, monsieur," explained the waiter, "but you see, the price includes part of the line we have to pay for violating the law."

World's Fair
By EDDIE GILMORE

BRUSSELS (AP)—Visitors to the 1958 World's Fair should arrive equipped with plenty of cash, courage, patience and strong feet.

They'll need the money for Brussels' high prices, courage for rides with the city's speed-demon taxi drivers, patience for waiting in long lines at the fair for food and strong feet to tramp the exhibition's 530 acres.

In November last year an American reserved a double room with bath for himself and wife at a good but not swanky hotel. He was asked to pay 540 francs (\$10.80) in advance.

On April 4 he was notified that with an increase in prices authorized by the government, the room would now cost 963 francs (\$19.26).

The price includes a service charge of 15 per cent, taxes and a continental breakfast of tea or coffee and rolls.

But, you'd better tip just the same.

Breakfasters wanting fruit juice, eggs, bacon or ham pay extra.

Taxi drivers of Paris long have been regarded by many foreigners as eccentrics. One of their eccentricities is breakneck speed.

Brussels taximen seem to come from the same mould. The big difference is they have new automobiles, mostly American and German, and capable of greater speed.

Just before the World's Fair opened on April 17, the starting fare was increased from 7 to 10 francs (20 cents).

There is a local ordinance compelling a taxi user to tip a minimum of 15 per cent.

But, if you stick to the minimum you'll get more than a dirty glare. Tip 20 per cent and the cabbies are polite; 25 and they smile; 30 and they bow; 40 and they bow and call you monsieur.

Despite dozens of restaurants, there still are not enough. The restaurant at the American Pavilion has had a lineup every day since the opening.

The prices range from 50 cents for a prime beef hamburger, \$1.60 for Dixie style barbecued half spring chicken to 29 cent coffee.

"In accordance with local custom," reads a note on the menu, "there is a service charge of 15

Generalities
By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower delivered a 3,000-word collection of generalities in a speech to 2,500 businessmen last night on the recession.

He said there are strong indications the recession is slowing down. But he said nothing specific about any anti-recession move his administration has in mind beyond what is already known.

"We can never," he said, "pep-talk our way to prosperity." But his talk—made in New York to the Economic Mobilization Conference of the American Management Assn.—was in effect a pep-talk.

The closest he got to revealing his administration's intentions about future anti-recession action by his administration was this statement which, as it soon turned out, didn't reveal anything at all: "After consultation with congressional leaders, certain decisions will shortly be taken in the field of taxation."

Did this mean he was thinking of a tax cut? Maybe. Maybe not. An examination of his sentence shows he wasn't saying yes or no to such a question. His press secretary James C. Hagerty was asked to throw light on what Eisenhower meant, Hagerty said the decision, when it comes, could be either for or against a tax reduction.

Eisenhower went on: "What America must do now is gather all its forces for a new offensive to promote an early upturn and renewed economic growth that is vigorous and sound."

How can that be done? He said: "From this point on the conscious determination of the American people—together with resultant actions—can make the difference in lifting the economy to higher and higher levels."

For Women Only
By UNITED PRESS

For a change, here's some favorable comment about woman talk.

One authority on charm says the gift of intelligent gab is a requisite for feminine beauty. This is one of the lessons a former school-marm is giving her newest pupils—the 50 stewardesses for Pan American Airways.

"Intelligent conversation is the secret ingredient of being beautiful," says instructor Anne Leinbach. Miss Leinbach, whose teaching career has included both grade and charm school, says today's stewardesses should "know what is going on in the world they fly over."

Escapism
By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—"I think we're all losing size," said playwright Paddy Chayevsky.

"Too few people today want stature. They seem to be trying to get rid of the stature they have."

Scratch a humorist and you find a moralist. And Chayevsky is no exception. At 35 Paddy, who won fame with "Marty," finds the world a deadly serious place inhabited by people too often motivated by uncontrollable hostility or an uncontrollable reach for personal pleasure.

"I get the feeling that the clanking legions of the barbarians are outside the gates again," he said. "People have tried this wild, let's-live-it-up philosophy so often before in history, and it has never worked."

"Hedonism for the sake of Hedonism—this living only for pleasure—is pretty bad."

"When you get right down to it, however, there are only two windows to the world—two great themes to write about."

"One says life is nothing, and the only thing worth living for is death. The other says love makes the world go round. That's my window."

"I believe in any kind of love—even if it's sick or selfish—that gives a person a reason to live."

The Bronx-born author, whose chunky frame is topped by a dark shock of hair as rebellious as his spirit, currently is firm in the saddle of that rainbow mount called success. He has produced his own movie, "The Goddess."

Vets Mail Bag

An increasing number of veterans hospitalized by Veterans Administration for severe mental illness are recovering and leaving the hospital, figures compiled by the agency reveal.

VA reported its hospitals placed 6,736 mental patients on trial visit to their home communities during the first six months of fiscal year 1953, and 13,200 during the entire fiscal year 1957.

The fiscal 1957 number represents a seven per cent increase over the 12,351 patients placed on trial visit from VA hospitals in fiscal 1956, a 32 per cent increase over the 9,305 in fiscal 1955, and a 73 per cent increase over the 7,617 in fiscal 1953.

Most of the patients leaving the hospitals on trial visit have been treated for severe mental conditions, VA said.

The average daily patient load of mentally ill veterans in VA hospitals has remained at around the same number since the beginning of fiscal year 1936, but rose between 1953 and 1956. Currently, the figure is 57,423, which includes 32,436 veterans with severe mental illness and 4,987 with less severe psychiatric disorders.

VA said the increase in patients on trial visit can be attributed to changes in therapies (including introduction of tranquilizing drugs and more emphasis on individual and group psychotherapy), to an increase in open wards, and to reawakened interest in development of new habits of resocialization to prepare patients for return to community living.

Quotes

NEW YORK—Lawrence A. Apple, president of the American Management Association, saying the President's message had convinced the business conference that:

"We do not have to wait for the future, we have to make it."

Pogo

OH, WHAT A DOG I WOULD OF HAD... THESE REAL DOGS PRETENDING TO BE DOGS. HAH!

IF I, AS LULU ARPIN NANNY, HAD BEEN A DOG... INSTEAD OF A MEREBLE ALLUSORATOR... WHAT A BIGGER I WOULD OF CUT.

ALONE AT NIGHT, GUARDING THE SMALL CHILDREN FROM FIRE, FROM PYROMANES, FROM DEATH BY NIGHTMARE... SEEMING A LOVELY GARDEN. GRARR! GARR!

WHY DO PEOPLE LOVE PEGS? WHY DO PEGS GET ALL THE GOOD DRESSES? MIGHTY BEGS CAN BE DRESSES THE BEST PAY THEY EVER CRAWL!

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

LUCRETIA IS A PAPER BAG PUTTER-AWAYER-SHE USES THEM FOR THE OLD MAN'S LUNCH. YESTERDAY SHE USED A BIG SACK....

I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO GO TO THE STORE-I ONLY HAD ENOUGH BREAD AN' HAM FOR ONE SANDWICH-YOU CAN BUY SOMETHING AT THE LUNCH COUNTER....

TODAY SHE PACKED ENOUGH FOR A LONGSHORE-MENS CONCLAVE...SO WHAT KINDA BAG DID SHE USE? YEAH... KEE-RECK-IT!!

SINCE YOU'RE GOING TO WORK OVERTIME I PACKED ENOUGH FOR TWO MEALS-BE CAREFUL THIS BAG FROM THE CANDY STORE IS THE ONLY ONE I COULD FIND...

THANK AND A HAT TIP TO THOMAS L. DORRILEN, 214-22 8th St., ARLINGTON 4, VIRGINIA

HOLIDAY
NEW DELHI (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru started the holiday he is taking instead of the retirement period he wanted Tuesday.

The 10-day vacation in the Himalayan foothills of North India is the longest Nehru has taken since he assumed office nearly 12 years ago. Nehru several weeks ago created consternation in his Congress Party by announcing he wanted to quit office to ponder on India's future. Party leaders dissuaded him from retiring.

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