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We Begin To Unite

The maze of indecision, ineffectiveness and confusion that apparently gripped the people of the United States, including our leaders, is beginning to disappear with the development of a definite program for meeting our world problems.

Although he spoke very largely in generalities, President Truman gave hope in his message to congress that the United States intends to prepare for any eventuality, in a military sense at least. Apparently the people generally liked the president's address, except that some would have been happier had he omitted reference to the controversial "welfare state" angle and emphasized at this critical period only those things on which the American people are united, including preservation of the American way of life.

The president offered only sacrifice and hard work for the American people, but at the same time he laid the groundwork for national unity at a time when system seems to be developing from chaos. As the sting of defeat at the hands of the Chinese communists in Korea begins to disappear, the delaying action of the American forces begins to make sense (to some of us slow thinkers) as the hords of Chinese are sucked into the slaughter house as the result of a possible aggressive blunder.

As the Chinese are wasting their strength in Korea, they cannot be doing damage elsewhere, as General Ridgway recently observed in a message to his men. At the same time the United States is gradually increasing the production of war materials and boosting the number of the armed forces personnel for the day of possible reckoning with Russia, the instigator of all the trouble.

As we build our forces, our allies in Europe should take heart and come forward with enough military preparedness and war production to be of material and psychological help in preventing the march of a Russian army into western Europe.

We are now on the march toward a record war materials production program and must not permit ourselves to fall into another Russia trap before we reach the peak of our military effort. In the meantime, we must diligently seek peace until the time when we can call the shots, instead of allowing the aggressor to do all the calling, and then perhaps the enemy will not be in a position to wage war.

Capital Parade

by Murray Wade

LEGISLATURE UNDER WAY

Last Friday and Saturday Oregon's capital city absorbed the 86 legislators who live in other parts of the state and more than 200 attaches and lobbyists and has rooms to spare. The managers of the two large hotels and of several large apartment houses deny the story that Salem is crowded during legislature.

The caucus of the senate was held in the senate office rooms and that of the house in the Senator hotel. Senator Paul Patterson of Hillsboro was elected president of the senate by an unanimous vote and

John Steelhammer was elected speaker of the house.

Both houses convened at 10 a. m. Monday. Senate President Patterson had the usual 30 committees of the senate cut to 20 largely by combining existing committees.

Early announcements of senate committee chairmen included: Ways and Means, Senator Howard C. Belton of Clackamas; Assessment and Taxation, Senator Dean Walker of Polk and Benton; Elections and Privileges, Senator Eugene E. Marsh of Yamhill; Labor and Industries, Senator Phillip S. Hitchcock of Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties (largest senatorial district in the state); Military Affairs, Senator Marie E. Wilcox of Josephine; chairman of the new legal committee, went to Senator William

Walch of Coos and Curry who was president of the senate in 1949; Public Buildings and Institutions, Senator Russell L. Gardner of Lincoln and Tillamook; Railroads and Utilities, Senator Fredrick S. Lamport of Marion; Agriculture, Senator Carl Engrahl of Umatilla; Livestock, Senator Elmo Smith of Grant, Harney and Malheur counties; Engrossed Bills, Senator Frank H. Hilton of Multnomah. Principal house committee chairmanships as announced are: Ways and Means, Henry Seamon of Klamath; Taxation, Rudie Wilhelm, Jr. of Multnomah; Education, Pat Lonergan of Multnomah; State and Federal Affairs, Earl E. Fisher of Washington; Social Welfare, Joseph E. Harvey of Multnomah; Medical Affairs, Dr. P. H. Dammasch of Multnomah; Agriculture, Herman H. Chingren of Clackamas; Food and Dairying, J. S. Greenwood of Clackamas; Financial Institutions, Harvey Wells of Multnomah; Labor and Industries, Gust Anderson of Multnomah, and Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, Henry E. Peterson of Clallam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler.

In a joint session held in the house at 2 p. m. Governor Douglas McKay was inaugurated as governor for a four-year term, succeeding himself. After being sworn in he delivered his biennial message to the assembled lawmakers. Governor and Mrs. McKay held a public reception in the governor's offices during the afternoon.

The state budget for 1951-53 biennium as submitted by Budget Director Harry Dorman shows a deficit of \$33,969,005 after a reduction of \$27,100,000 which he accomplished with increased revenues and elimination of various appropriations.

Oregon legislators who now receive \$1200 a biennium are only about twice as well paid as the lawmakers of their grandfather's days, when the pay was \$3 a day for a 40-day session.

DEMOCRATS ASTIR
"Nothing like an early start!" This seems to be the hunch Oregon democratic leaders get when they visit "the folks back home" in Washington, D. C. and way an "inventory" meeting was held in Portland last week. They started the 1952 campaign even before the victorious republican governor was sworn in.

Big names in Oregon democracy from all over the state attended. Here are excerpts of what they had to say:

"What we need to do is to take stock of our party; its program and methods of conducting itself in Oregon."—Les Jesslyn, state chairman.

"The national committee looks at Oregon as one of the states which showed great progress in the

1950 election."—Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman.

"Our state political platform has failed to enlighten the people."—Ex-Governor Oswald West.

"The women are the most interested and effective workers in the party."—Gladys Last, state vice-chairman.

Work Started On Idaho Power Dam

Construction crews at the Idaho Power company's C. J. Strike hydroelectric development 22 miles southwest of Mountain Home have commenced the moving of more than 3,000,000 cubic yards of earth to dam the Snake river. When the project is completed in about a year, the water backed up by the dam will turn three big generators capable of producing 90,000 kilowatts to be added to the company's inter-connected system serving southern Idaho and eastern Oregon.

A work camp has been established at the site, and the operation is under way with more than 200,000 cubic yards of earth having been moved so far. The development is Idaho Power company's first compacted earth dam. One of the initial operations will be to remove about 870,000 cubic yards of soil to reach clay foundation, which geologists say was formed by ancient Lake Hagerman, a pre-historic body

of water that covered much of southwestern Idaho. After the clay foundation across the river bed is exposed, 70,000 cubic yards of clay will be hauled in and packed to form the core of the dam. Another 1,300,000 cubic yards of earth, gravel and rock will be moved into place to form the embankments. About 296,000 cubic yards of concrete will be poured into the forms for the spillways and the power house. Total cost of construction is estimated at about \$19,000,000.

The project is named after C. J. Strike, as a tribute to the company's former president and general manager, who died February 11, 1948. Mr. Strike was known widely for his interest in civic and industrial development.

The dam will make possible an important reduction in irrigation costs in the Grandview area. The Grandview Irrigation district, by taking water directly from the utility company's reservoir, will eliminate maintenance of its Bruneau river diversion dam and approximately 2 1/2 miles of its main canal. The irrigation districts in this area below the power dam, which are now pumping water from the Snake river, may make arrangements to take water from Idaho Power's development, thus reducing pumping costs by utilizing the 85-foot rise in the river resulting from the power dam.

Along with the construction of the C. J. Strike project, Idaho Power

company done preliminary engineering for construction of a dam at power plant at the Guffey site on the Snake river south of Namu for which it has already received preliminary permit from the federal power commission.

Coming Events

Monday, January 15—Civic executive meeting at the home of Mrs. Dennis Patch. Eastern Star installation.

Tuesday, January 16—Oregon Trail Grange benefit party; Eagle initiation. Epiphany potluck supper. Episcopal church.

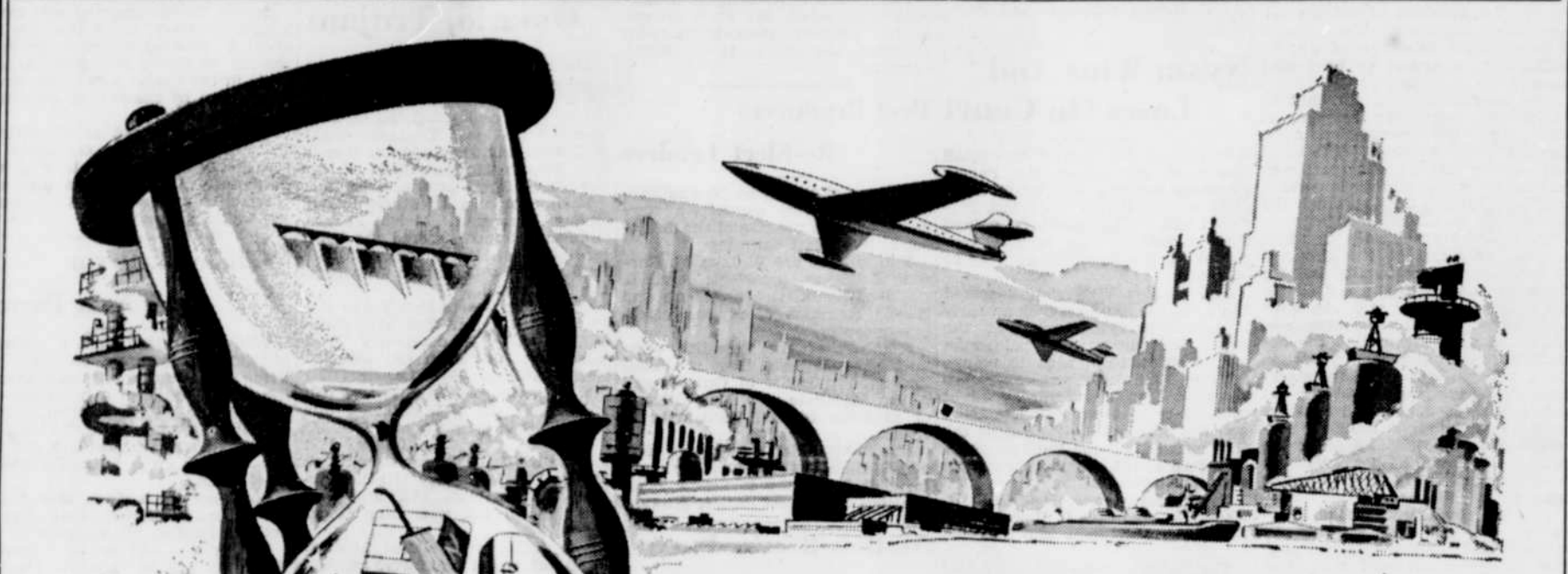
Wednesday, January 17—Civic club, 2 p. m. at parish hall.

Thursday, January 18—America Legion auxiliary; Altar society; Job's Daughters.

Dates to keep open—St. Paul's Guild progressive parties, January 25; International Relations work shop at high school, February 1.

Here From Homedale—
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fenn and daughter, Jeanne, of Homedale visited Mrs. Ida Ward and Mrs. William Coleman Tuesday.

Farewell Reunion Held—
The Ward and Coleman families held a reunion in honor of Perry Coleman, who will leave this week for Seattle to enter the navy.



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A New Year . . . with new problems . . . A New Year . . . with new hope . . . and with new strength born of a challenge and a vision of the future . . . A New Year . . . with renewed determination growing out of our faith in the boundless resourcefulness and ingenuity of America . . . A New Year . . . into which we march with employment soaring to new peaks . . . with individual earnings mounting to new heights . . . spreading prosperity to all levels . . . with mounting production topping all records . . . A New Year . . . during which problems precipitated by those who envy and would destroy the example of freedom our Nation sets, are the only clouds on the horizon . . . A New Year therefore . . . with a challenge for us to multiply our ability to defend freedom whenever it may be threatened the while we continue to work for the expansion of the benefits of our own way of life.

Never have we as a nation failed to meet such a challenge . . . and never will we fail to do so, so long as our unity of purpose remains firm . . . True, it will require more effort . . . But it is worth it . . . for then . . . even as now . . . there will be enough to give us all everything we require to maintain our superior standard of living . . . to help others . . . and also to insure the security of democracy in this world. Buy whatever you really need . . . but be thrifty . . . Work a little harder at every task, to produce more . . . and this can indeed be a memorable year . . .

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