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BALLOT MEASURES

We will today discuss several of the proposed measures on the forthcoming November election ballot, skipping others which we propose to give more detailed consideration later. A few, however, can be reviewed in brief and it is those proposals we will consider today.

Amendment Authorizing Indebtedness for State Reformation—We personally approve this measure and would recommend a "Yes" vote. We were opposed to the severance tax issue because it placed the cost of reforestation exclusively upon the timber industry, whereas everyone benefits from payrolls, tax payments, business and industry created from forest removal. Timber is a public asset, even though some may be in private ownership. We believe, therefore, that a program of reforestation should be financed by the public. The proposed measure authorized a bond issue not to exceed three-fourths of one percent of all taxable property in the state "to provide funds for forest rehabilitation, reforestation and acquisition of lands." The bond issue, eventually, will be offset by funds "derived from sale, exchange or use of forest land." The measure is made flexible by permitting the legislature to pass implementing legislation as deemed necessary.

Authorizing State Boys' Camp Near Timber, Oregon—Here is a measure we believe to be far from perfect, yet we would recommend a "Yes" vote. It proposes an appropriation of \$50,000 to prepare a former C.C.C. camp near Timber, Oregon, for use as a camp for first offenders committed to the State Training School for Boys. It also authorizes \$100,000 from the general fund to finance cost of operation during the ensuing two years.

We hold the personal opinion that no system will more quickly rehabilitate delinquent boys than by putting them out in constructive work in forest areas. There is something about contact with Mother Nature in the Great Outdoors that takes the kinks out of the inhibited mind. We believe a boys' camp in a forest area will prove far more effective in salvaging delinquent boys than will our present policy of keeping them in a penal institution at Woodburn.

The unfortunate part of the measure, in our opinion, is in the choice of a site. We believe a much better method would have been to outline a policy and leave the location for the camp open.

The appropriation, however, is for a two-year period only. Certainly \$150,000 is not too much to spend on an experiment of this kind. At the end of the two-year period we will be in a better position to judge results and we also will know whether the experiment should be continued in the proposed site, expanded to include other camps, or moved to another location. We believe it is worth a try.

Amendment Fixing Qualification of Voters in School Elections—Here is an issue which keeps bobbing up regularly. Should voting on school district bond issues be confined to taxpayers only as at present or should any qualified voter in the district be permitted to cast a ballot? Some people contend that if everyone is permitted to vote, an unjust tax burden will be imposed upon taxpayers. Others hold, however, that everyone is a taxpayer—that the man who lives in a rented home pays the tax levied against his landlord's property. It is a controversial matter that everyone must determine for himself. We make no recommendation.

Bill Increasing Personal Tax Exemptions—The last legislature, which submitted a sales tax proposal to the people, anticipating a deficit for the biennium, provided a lowering of income tax exemptions as a method of producing more income tax revenue should the sales tax be defeated—as it was. An initiative bill, sponsored by organized labor, was placed on the ballot by petition to prevent this lowering of exemptions from going into effect. On this issue it's every man for himself. No recommendation.

Oregon Liquor Dispensing Licensing Act—This measure, commonly known as "Liquor by the Glass" is, in our opinion, a misnomer. It is virtually a "saloon" bill. It would permit licensing of hotels, restaurants, clubs, and common carriers (trains in particular), to sell alcoholic liquors by the glass either with or without meals. We do not approve this bill. In opposing it we do not do so as a prohibitionist, but we believe the proposal would serve no good interest. It is meant to make liquor procurement easier for the average drinker who wants his drinks a glass at a time instead of having to buy a bottle. As long as the profit motive exists in the sale of alcoholic beverage, liquor will be dispensed to persons who persist in taking "one too many." If the proposal were for state-owned and state-operated cocktail bars, in which bartenders would be subject to dismissal for encouraging drinking or giving drinks to those unable to control their appetites, eliminating the private profit motive, we would have less objection. We believe our present Knox law, even with its faults, is giving us better control of liquor than in neighboring states.

Youth Kills Stepfather To Protect His Mother

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Sixteen-year-old Kenneth Hendricks was held today on suspicion of murder in the fatal shooting of his stepfather.

"I didn't mean to shoot him, but it was either him or me," Det. Sgt. E. C. Teel quoted young Hendricks as saying. The stepfather, Richard A. King, 39, died two hours after being struck by two .22 caliber rifle bullets.



Scams from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

Remembering what was asked of and given by men — men! boys too, seventeen, who didn't wait to be asked but went anyway, leaving high schools and football, 'teen age dances, homes where 'what's for dinner' was important as anything else to them, boys who became 'men' overnight by signing in the place indicated.

Remembering the ones who did not come back, and also those who did return but paid a price comparable, as well as the others who gave all that was asked of them and more, can we doubt that there is anything in the world right now more important than Peace? One need not be a Gold Star Mother to feel our country would be betrayed indeed if politics are to be put first in anybody's mind, rather than the great need of the hour: wise leadership for Peace.

Not only Peace but Christianity is at stake—who can doubt it? What would happen if this land of ours, where there is liberty and freedom to worship any way we please, were to be subjugated by an aggressor? Can there be any illusions about it? Unthinkable? Yes, of course, but the only way to keep it unthinkable is to conduct our national affairs in such a way that no aggressor will be tempted or deluded into thinking we're just a pushover.

In the News-Review column,

"In the Day's News" (Oct. 4) was a thought that seemed of the utmost importance for every individual, every organization, and every government made up of individual thinking collected into, or focussed into a policy? Says the writer, Frank Jenkins:

"Human nature being what it is, governments being what they are, the attitude of diplomats in the matter of simple keeping of pledged faith being what it is and has been ever since we have had diplomacy, is it any wonder we have wars? A little more plain, common honesty might change the whole picture."

When too, a writer with the prestige of Walter Lippman has this to say: (Oregonian, Oct. 6) It makes one stop in one's tracks and think: Mr. Lippman refers to our foreign policy that "brought the conflict with the Soviet Union to a premature showdown at Berlin, the weakest spot in our whole position. By making that blunder we gave the Soviets an opportunity they were quick to seize, to regain the diplomatic initiative that they had lost." And he bluntly gives his reasons for thinking so.

May the Man in the White House, whatever his name, pray for and resolve that leadership for which Solomon in earnest humility prayed—and was given.

In the Day's News

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beginning of a new era in the world."

I WAS thinking at the moment of Kumar Goshal, the native of India, now a naturalized American citizen, who spoke in a number of Oregon towns a few days ago under the auspices of the Knife and Fork Club.

He told us, you may remember, that a new yeast is working in the human masses of Southeast Asia. He offered the personal opinion that the day of colonial empires, in which so-called "superior" peoples rule so-called "inferior" peoples, is nearing its end.

He added that the time is not far distant when the Dutch will no longer be able to rule the Indonesians, the French the Indo-Chinese, the British the Malaysians, and so on. The British, he went on, didn't get out of India because they wanted to. They got out, he said, because they were smart enough to realize that the clock of time is striking the hour for the END of the ancient human institution of rulership of one set of people by another set of people.

MY mind went back to England in the early summer of 1945 — the England that had just, startlingly and unexpectedly, thrown out the conservative party and put in the labor party — not by any narrow squeak, but

DECISIVELY. What had happened interested me, and I spent quite a lot of time in the English pubs, drinking foul-war-time beer, throwing darts and talking with the kind of people whose votes had just upset the conservative apocryphal. I came out of it with somewhat the same feeling as the dining room hostess when she spoke of the Filipino bus boys.

The English of early 1945 were DIFFERENT. For centuries they had regarded the SERVING of certain people by other people as something perfectly natural, but all of a sudden they had begun to resent it.

IS it true that a new yeast is beginning to work in the masses of mankind? Maybe so, maybe not. But if it IS true, we Americans ought to be able to adapt ourselves to this new world (if it is a new world) better than any other people on earth. From the very beginnings of our country we have stressed the DIGNITY of the individual. We have insisted that basically one individual is as good as another individual.

If a time is coming when there will be no longer be MASTERS and MEN—when instead of certain people working FOR certain other people everybody will work WITH everybody else—we Americans ought to be able to make the grade at least as well as anybody.

The ruffed grouse gets his name from the Latin "bonasa," meaning bison, and was probably suggested by its headlong flight when flushed.

German Airmen Offer Selves For Airlift Service

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Four German labor leaders yesterday offered to supply former German war pilots to fly the airlift to Berlin.

The offer was made by German free trade union leaders at conferences with Undersecretary of War Draper.

The unionists, representing organized workers in Berlin and the three western occupation zones, will begin a tour of U.S. industrial centers Thursday.

The labor representatives told a news conference, sponsored by the American Federation of Labor, that they could furnish "more pilots than the Americans need" for the critical task of getting supplies to the Western sectors of Berlin.

The proposal to furnish German Luftwaffe pilots to fly the American planes under American command is being studied by Draper, the union leader said.

"We have enough pilots willing to lay down their lives for the airlift," they told reporters.

One Wedding at Least Thought Quite Happy

KEWANEE, Ill., Oct. 26.—(AP)—The Rev. Loyal M. Thompson has performed his 1,000th wedding ceremony and he recalled yesterday one marriage he thinks must be sublimely happy after many years.

Dr. Thompson said that after one of his ceremonies in 1925, the bridegroom promised to pay the wedding fee as soon as the honeymoon ended.

"He hasn't come back yet," the minister said, "and, as far as I know, the honeymoon has never ended."

Dr. Thompson, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Kewanee, performed his first marriage in 1911.

Stark Has Close Call In Traffic Accident

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Blanche L. Pickering, 20-year-old expectant mother, suffered only slight cuts and bruises when an ambulance taking her to a hospital and another car collided.

Mrs. Pickering, formerly of Klamath Falls, Ore., was transferred to a passing truck and gave birth to a son moments after her arrival at the hospital yesterday. She is the wife of an army corporal at Fort Ord.

Police cited the ambulance driver for speeding. They said he was traveling 75 miles an hour.

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by Warren Goodrich



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