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CIVIL AIR PATROL

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Appointment of Sheriff Ira C. Byrd as commander of the Roseburg squadron of the Civil Air Patrol may be expected to result in that organization maintaining an active program. Sheriff Byrd, long an aviation enthusiast, has been particularly interested in the past in efforts to "sell" aviation to young people. When the Roseburg CAP squadron was first instituted, Byrd, a leader of Explorer Scouts, brought nearly all of his troop into the squadron's ground school and they have since formed the nucleus of the cadet unit.

Starting his flying career many years ago, Byrd was active in the organization of the Umpqua Flying Club. During the Second World War he served as a civilian instructor in the Army Air Force. Following his work with the military service, he helped reactivate the flying club, participated in CAP, was a member of the Sheriff's Aerial Squadron and engaged in many other activities connected with aviation. At the same time he took part in various civic activities, such as Red Cross, of which he is now county chairman, Boy Scouts, civilian defense, and others.

His work with the Civil Air Patrol has, however, been one of his chief interests, despite all his many other connections. He may be expected to continue the good leadership the squadron has had since it was first organized here.

Interesting History

Civil Air Patrol has an interesting history. It is a history of which all who have participated in it may well be proud.

It was formed during the early days of the last war as a civilian aid to the military forces. Members were private fliers. They used their own planes. They took time off their jobs to serve without pay in the nation's defense. They acted as aerial couriers, transported military personnel, handled various types of cargoes, and flew patrols. Several lost their lives while seeking out submarines along the Atlantic Coast. Others were killed in accidents.

The service was so valuable that, as the war progressed, the government gave more and more recognition to these fliers, and appropriated more money to soften at least some of the financial sacrifice made by individual members.

After the war the Civil Air Patrol was deemed so essential to the defense program that it has been given Air Force sponsorship. Officers from the Air Force are assigned to help with the training program. It is still a volunteer organization. No member is committed to active service. It is directed by civilian officers. But it is given full cooperation by the Air Force, is provided with ground school equipment and with small planes for orientation training.

Membership includes both adults and cadets. Special efforts are made to interest young people, as a means of preserving continuity of the program.

Roseburg Squadron Active

The Roseburg squadron has had an excellent record. The membership includes about 25 adult fliers. About 10 other adults, including several women, serve in clerical, communications and other capacities. The cadet unit numbers 12 or more young people, from 15 to 18 years of age, studying in ground school, where they learn all the basic subjects of aviation, aside from flying. They learn communications, meteorology, navigation, aviation engines and mechanics, and many other related subjects.

The CAP locally is organized to perform many duties. Its primary purpose is to serve as an arm of civilian defense. But it is more frequently used for search and rescue and has functioned on several occasions when reports were received of planes possibly lost in this area.

At the CAP headquarters at the County Fairgrounds, the squadron has available radio equipment which is part of a national communications network. The squadron is set up to function in any disaster or emergency. It is prepared to use its talents whenever it can be of service locally or nationally.

Hal Boyle

By STAN SWINTON

For Hal Boyle

BRIONI, Yugoslavia (CP) — You can find out a lot about a man if you poke around his living room for a while—even a dictator.

For instance, Marshal Josef Broz Tito, president of independently Communist Yugoslavia, likes boats — he they models or real speedboats. His taste in antique statuary is excellent and his taste in painting embarrassing.

You reach the Tito mansion by walking up a winding drive, past fountains lighted with changing colors at night and wooded groves where white-tailed deer hide.

Just short of the house, you see the sleek convertible Tito loves to drive. Too, you pass carriages drawn by magnificent grey horses. And then you are looked over by security guards and into the house you go.

The living room is the reverse of cozy. The big room is floored in black marble. At the far end is a piano, prettily painted gold and ivory. Five model ships are spotted around the room. An old galleon, a big model of the coastal vessel Vladimir Vazir in drydock, and three sailboats.

Inside a glass case sit dozens of beautiful Roman statues, all magnificently preserved and executed with a grace which hints they likely were the work of Greek slaves. Tito proudly reported all were excavated on Brioni.

Oddly out of place in the room is a Spanish cavalier in delicately painted porcelain—but not nearly as out of place as a large statue of a nude girl with her hand covering her face which stands outside on the veranda.

This veranda stretches the length of the house. From it you can look down through the oak trees to a

among artificial harbor in which Tito keeps his speedboats, which he pilots himself. A winding cement staircase littered with acorns leads up to the house.

Often Tito climbs into a speedboat with his handsome brunette wife and roars out to Vangor, a smaller island. There he likes to exercise a hobby shared with President Eisenhower—cooking. Tito is an ardent amateur chef.

The home of the boss of Yugoslavia is that of a man of action, except for the odds out of place piano and Spanish cavalier. But most out of place of all is the one big oil painting which stands in his living room.

The frame is battered, the painting torn in several places. It shows plump women holding down a cow, while cherubs wing about, and as a work of art it is very inferior.

The dynamic Tito spent most of his life as a revolutionary, often in hiding. I felt that he must have picked up a conviction somewhere along the line that a living room should have a big painting and he didn't care very much what his looked like.

There wasn't a book or magazine in the room.

Yes, it's mighty interesting to

Action On Proposal To Cut Commercial Trolling Season Discussed During Session

SEATTLE — Action on a proposal to cut two months off the commercial trolling season for chinook salmon in Washington and Oregon waters was expected to be taken Wednesday before the close of the annual meeting of the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission here.

Biologists of the Washington and Oregon fisheries departments made the recommendation at Tuesday's meeting of the commission. The biologists suggested that the new dates be from April 15 to Sept. 30.

During debate, it was pointed out that the proposed dates would correspond more closely with California's May 1 to Sept. 20 season and would therefore prevent what Jack Van Hyning, biologist with the Oregon Fish Commission, termed "a large number" of California boatsmen from fishing off Washington and Alaska in the spring. Van Hyning said the postponement would also result in additional growth of fish as their value would be increased at the time of harvest.

C. L. Anderson, Alaska fisheries director, expressed concern over the effect the proposed trolling season dates would have on the Alaska and Canadian fishing industry. Washington State prohibits imports of fresh fish from Alaska or Canada for sale within Washington during the closed season. Interstate commerce can continue, however.

Bert Johnson, secretary of the Washington Fishermen's Co-operative Assn., told the commission that sportsmen "should hear part of the burden of conservation" through similar regulation.

Johnson said he also favors area closures, rather than seasonal restrictions. He called for cooperation from Canadian fishermen if Washington trollers are regulated in the offshore waters.

Robert J. Schoettler, commission vice chairman and Washington state director of fisheries, opposed the bringing of the sports fishing question before the meeting, explaining to the commercial representatives.

"The only thing we're interested in is preserving the stock so you fellows can make a living in the years to come."

Elmer Astala, Astoria commercial fisherman, said the proposed reduction of the trolling season

"would be doctoring the wrong foot," and that fisheries officials should give more attention to improving spawning grounds to boost the survival rate of young salmon.

Biologists replied this was being done and that increased emphasis is also being placed on predator control, particularly control of sea lions, and on removal of obstructions.

Daily Bible Reading

Message By

Roseburg Ministerial

Association

TODAY'S TEXT

St. Luke 7:31-50

In the selection from Holy Scripture for today, our Lord tells a poignant little parable about the children who refused to respond to any kind of an appeal. "We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept."

There are Christian seasons that are gay, and there are Christian seasons that are sad. Yet there are some who stay away from both. There are some denominations which stress one aspect, while another group stress the opposite. And yet there are three people out of four in our state of Oregon who never darken the doors of a n church.

God calls to these people, but they turn a deaf ear to all His appeals. What right do we have to call ourselves a Christian state when less than one person in four is even a nominal Christian?

Jesus also said that the penitent sinner received much greater rewards in the way of love from God than the self-righteous person who feels no need of God's mercy—who is condescending in his attitude towards God's appeal to his better nature.

As a nation, we spend three times as much on cigarettes alone as we give to all the Churches combined. Far more is spent on cosmetics, movies, TV, and other luxuries. Where is our sense of values? Are Christianity and education (because we spend relatively little on education, too) minor luxuries? Or are they the very substance of which our whole way of life is founded? Judging from our response as a nation, we would seem to be numbered with those men and women of Jesus' own day who completely ignored His appeal and were utterly indifferent to His suffering and crucifixion.

We wonder why, as a nation, we are troubled about wars and threats of war. But where is the wonder? Jesus said to the woman, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." If our peace is dependent upon our faith, then those of us who are Christians should not rest content until every non-Christian among us has responded to God's appeal for our faith, and all those outside the Churches should see clearly their real position as one of indifference and opposition to God.

REV. ALFRED S. TYSON
St. George's Episcopal Church

In The Day's News

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is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President but isn't willing to admit it, says today that MORE — not less — American working men and women are needed to take part in our political affairs.

Labor Sec. Mitchell told the newly merged union's founding convention that organized labor has a duty and a responsibility to deal in political issues and that it should speak out loud and clear. He adds that he expects the new labor federation to support the labor policies that have marked the Eisenhower administration.

President Eisenhower himself, addressing by telephone and loud speaker the new AFL-CIO, urged it to scrupulously protect the minority views of its members on social economic and political issues. He said: "You have a great opportunity of making your meeting the world's most effective exhibit of democratic processes."

He added: "You are more than union members bound together by a common goal of better wages, better working conditions and protection of your security through collective bargaining. You are American citizens."

I find I can't go along with Sen. Goldwater's statement that unions have no right to endorse a Presidential candidate. Personally, I think ANY sound, patriotic American organization — whether labor, business or what have you — has the right to endorse any candidate in any election. AS IT LEAVES ITS MEMBERS WHOLLY FREE TO VOTE INDIVIDUALLY AS THEY PLEASE, WITHOUT COERCION OF ANY SORT.

If Sen. Goldwater had said that top union officials have no right to levy a COMPULSORY assessment on their members to raise a huge fund to be used for the SOLE purpose of promoting the election of ONE candidate for President, as opposed to another, it would be different. That would be COERCION. Coercion is bad.

Inevitably, the new labor merger brings into sharper focus the question of BUSINESS in our economy. For weeks, a congressional committee has been investigating General Motors. General Motors is big. The members of the committee that have been taking part in the investigation have obviously been troubled by this question: HOW BIG IS TOO BIG?

I doubt if that question can be answered — yet. This is a big country. A big country requires big industries. Big industrial organizations call more or less naturally and logically for big labor organizations.

If business is badness, then bigness is BAD. But we still lack conclusive evidence that in a big country mere bigness is bad.

I think the new 16 million member AFL-CIO might well be reminded of this fundamental fact: GREAT RESPONSIBILITY goes with great power.

If that fact is kept clearly in mind, I don't think we'll have too much to worry about.

spend an hour in a man's living room. You can learn a lot about him, including a man who rules a nation

Bruce Bioassat

In recent months we have become accustomed to gloomy reports from the Middle East, from Egypt to Afghanistan. What a satisfaction then to learn there is now something to be cheerful about in that region.

Britain, Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan, the five nations of the so-called Baghdad pact, have made a start toward setting up a new military, political and economic organization to be called the Middle East Treaty Organization (METO).

In the most practical terms, this means these countries have agreed to fix a new defense line against Communist Russia — the Zagros mountain range stretching across eastern Iraq and western Iran.

Thus the strategic perimeter manned by free nations against the spread of Red tyranny has once more been extended.

THE WESTERN arm of the great defense is, of course, governed by long-established NATO, on the other side of the world, there is SEATO, though this Asian counterpart is not of the same caliber. No solid military organization defending a clearly marked line is in being.

Nevertheless, the new METO setup can be regarded as a link in this vital arc which now comes close to encompassing the Communist world, China included, on three sides.

The only significant gaps are Afghanistan, India, Burma and Indonesia. Winning the latter three in the Western side seems at this stage an almost impossible task. Afghanistan is something else. But there Russia rather than the West is taking a strong initiative.

Yet this is not the moment to bemoan this situation. We ought instead to savor the good news from Baghdad.

ONE of the best aspects of the recent successful meeting is that economic development is included among the goals. This region is notoriously poverty-ridden and therefore ripe for the phony blandishments of the Communists on the subject of human betterment.

Making the organization broad enough to embrace economic improvement gives it a healthy, constructive orientation. A common complaint of India and others is that free nations is dominated by sterile military objectives. Certainly this is not so in the case of METO.

The establishment of METO can rightly be hailed as at least a partial antidote for the steady diet of bad news that has been flowing from the Middle East for so long. And it is fresh notice to the Soviet Union that the West has not really been lulled to sleep by the era of Kremlin smiles.

Ford Says Some Actions On Fund Are Dubious

DETROIT — Henry Ford II Wednesday made public a letter in which he said he feels that some actions on the Ford for the Republic "have been dubious in character and inevitably have led to charges of poor judgment."

Ford said he questioned fund activities "as a private citizen" and added, "what effect my comments may have remains to be seen."

Ford, president of the Ford Motor Co., also is chairman of the trustees of the Ford Foundation, sponsor of the fund. Operations of the fund have been criticized in some circles as left-wing.

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