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GUEST EDITORIALS

By KATHY FRETWELL

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow, but the youth of today are influenced by today's leaders and that influence is the key to the world's future.

The United States and Russia realize the importance of influencing youth, for this influence represents the goals for which the respective countries are reaching.

Both nations celebrate a "Youth Activities Day" on which the young people of each country are presented an example of the purpose behind their government. In Russia the example for youth is set by military parade and a show of strength. Power is the general theme.

The United States follows a different pattern. Our youth is presented to the people of America as an organization potentially outstanding in its achievements.

May 1 each year is observed as Youth Activity Day throughout the United States. In recognition of the event the editorial column of today's News-Review is written by sophomore members of the class in journalism at Roseburg Senior High School. —CVS.

On this day all over the United States young people will take over the civil and governmental jobs to learn first hand their intricate workings in preparation for the day when some of them will naturally step into these or similar positions.

The youth of America is being prepared through citizenship education for positions of leadership tomorrow. Russian youth, too, are being prepared for positions of leadership—perhaps world-armed leadership.

True, both countries celebrate Youth Activities Day, but the similarity of the day is in name only. Only the future will tell which country has the greatest effect on the world of tomorrow.

YOUTH IN POSITIVE ACTION

By JANICE TOZER

Most criticism of today's youth is usually negative. Juvenile delinquency, we are told, is widespread. To try to counteract this impression of negativism, the Elks Lodge of Roseburg is sponsoring local observance of National Youth Activities Day, and the Roseburg High School is an outstanding example of what our youth of today can accomplish.

On numerous occasions RHS has proven that what teen-agers do can be positive.

For instance, for the second year in a row RHS has come out on top nationally in the annual Teens-Against-Polio drive, with an all-time high of $10,076.68. When our high school band was so badly in need of uniforms the band members came through, with the help of the band parents, and got themselves uniforms any community would be proud of. Also, when it looked like our athletic fund wouldn't support our spring sports program, RHS students wouldn't hear of dropping tennis, baseball and track. They got busy and sold spring sports tickets to help pay expenses.

It is true that there is a great deal of delinquency today, but RHS thanks the Elks Lodge many times over for the great job it is doing in publicizing our achievements and efforts.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT SUPPORTED

By CHERIE HAVENS

Roseburg Senior High School students again demonstrated in their recent Teens-Against-Polio drive what our American youth can accomplish when they get behind a project and work for betterment of the community.

This year at Roseburg Senior High alone more than ten thousand dollars were raised through the efforts of the students for the national polio fund. Roseburg students once again received national recognition by raising more money than any other high school in the United States.

Citizens of America so often make the mistake of only looking on the negative side of today's youth. Too many people are influenced only by the poor examples they see, and no one can deny that many of these examples are set.

But teen-agers, when given the opportunity, can and will work to improve their community and country. This has been proven right here in Roseburg by the high school students who worked together to make our Teens-Against-Polio a tremendous success.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Curbstone comments of a pavement Plato:

The Russians have a wonderful phrase for their equivalent of the Hollywood "yes man." They call him a "hallelujah man."

He shouts the glories of the boss. In his eyes whatever the boss does is not only okay. It's wonderful.

The term "yes man" has long been one of contempt in America, where the breed has by no means been confined to Hollywood but flourished in all walks of life. It symbolizes a spineless creature, the worm that never turns—that is always looking ahead for an angle by which to curry favor in the eyes of his superior.

There are signs now that the old "hallelujah" man is falling in some disfavor in Russia, a land in which it has been risky to say "no" for a long, long time.

Over the weekend A. N. Shelepin, secretary of the Young Communist League, spoke out strongly against the Soviet's "hallelujah men."

He blamed the "hallelujah men" for raising the late and presently unlamented Joseph Stalin to the stature of a demigod in his own lifetime.

Shelepin accused the "hallelujah men" of playing "follow the leader." This, he added smugly, had led in the Soviet Union to the rise of a dangerous "cult of personality."

Presumably the personality they exalted was only that of Stalin, because nobody develops his own personality by saying yes all the time.

It is hard to figure out just at whom Shelepin is casting a stone —but he certainly didn't show the courage to cast the first stone. The hurling of mud on Stalin's memory began some time ago.

The truth is that Shelepin has thrown a boulder at himself, and a bigger boulder at his entire people. For a quarter of a century the Soviet Union has been, for all practical purposes, a nation of from 180 to 200 million "hallelujah men."

In all that time there have been only two places where a Russian could say "no"—nyet—safely:

1. In the United Nations.
2. In his sleep (if he slept alone).

If he said "nyet" anywhere else, he faced the likelihood of being purged—or the probability he soon would be mailing his "wish you were here" postcards from an address in Siberia. Even for failing to shout "hallelujah" often enough and convincingly enough he might get a one-way ticket on the slow train to Siberia's winter wonderland.

An optimist might hope that Shelepin's attack presaged the fall of the old "hallelujah men" and the emergence of a new class of "nyet men," sturdy men of conscience who would have the courage to say "no!" loudly and clearly to whatever they thought was wrong.

Such a hope, alas, is unlikely to come true.

Once a "yes man", either in Hollywood or Russia, always a "yes man."

Far from saying "nyet," himself to the new regime, Shelepin has cheerfully joined in the game of following the new leaders. He doesn't even have the strength to yell "help!"

The Deeper Cleft

Traffic Mishaps, Drownings Claim 6 Lives In Oregon

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weekend highway accidents claimed at least three lives in Oregon, and three persons were drowned.

A three-car crash just southwest of Portland killed a Portland girl and a Seattle youth Sunday night. A foreign-made automobile they occupied collided with two other cars, police said, and then flipped end over end several times.

Dead were Gloria Schiller, 17, Portland, and Leib Lokman, 17, Seattle. Two other youths were injured, one seriously.

The body of Roy E. Wood, 65, Portland, was found in the Metolius River, about 65 miles west of Madras Sunday. He apparently had been fishing alone and fell into swift water near Wizard Falls, the day before. The body had caught on limbs of a tree near the falls.

Wood was manager of the Wood Tractor Co., Portland.

Ella Saunders, 38, Portland, drowned in the Columbia River near Portland Sunday when a car backed into the river at Sauvies Island. A companion, Irving Cady, 39, Vancouver, Wash., was rescued by persons in a passing boat. He was treated for shock.

An Oregon City fisherman, Ellis E. Joscelyn, drowned Saturday in Abernathy Creek while trout fishing just northeast of Oregon City.

James Richard Brooks, 49, Lakeview, died Saturday in the plunge of a car off the highway about 50 miles north of Lakeview.

Mrs. Eleanor Temple, 69, of Pendleton, died in a Hermiston hospital Saturday night of injuries suffered in a traffic accident last Tuesday.

New Anti-Inflation Moves Begin To Make Themselves Felt At Consumer Level

By WALTER BREEDE Jr.

NEW YORK (AP) — The government's latest anti-inflation moves began to make themselves felt this week at the consumer level.

Major auto finance companies, and some department stores, announced they were boosting their interest rates. That means you're likely to be paying higher interest charges when you buy a car on the installment plan, or when you buy merchandise at a department store under a "revolving credit" monthly payment system.

This goes back to the higher discount rate established by the Federal Reserve banks two weeks ago — a move which made it costlier for commercial banks to borrow money. The commercial banks passed the increase on to their borrowers, including the auto finance companies and department stores. Now it's being passed on to the consumer. The object is to keep the boom from going overboard, and to hold a tight rein on prices.

Retail trade eased off a bit this week. Manufacturers of automobiles and tractors scheduled new production cuts. Elsewhere on the business scene there was ample evidence that the boom packed plenty of power.

Several of industry's giants announced their sales and earnings for the first three months this year, and for many the results were never better.

United States Steel Corp., biggest of the nation's steelmakers, reported a record-smashing first quarter profit of 104 million dollars, equal to $1.83 a share. That compares with $1.25 a share in the first quarter last year.

Equally impressive was the list of other blue chip corporations reporting record first quarter results — Socony Mobil Oil Co., Gulf Oil Corp., American Can Co., National Gypsum Co., The Texas Co., and others.

Conspicuously absent from the week's roster of record-breaking corporate earners were the auto manufacturers who have been faced with burdensome inventories and sagging sales this year. Both General Motors and Ford reported lower profits for the first three months, although GM's non-military business showed a gain of 4.3 per cent.

Total industry production of passenger cars, at about 130,000, was down a thumping 29 per cent from the corresponding week of 1955. In the first 17 weeks this year, GM produced 11½ per cent fewer cars than a year ago, while Ford's output was down 22 per cent, Chrysler's 40 per cent.

Here, according to industry experts, is why the automakers are slowing down: They have a billion-dollar stake in engineering and style changes for the new models that will be coming out later in the year. They don't want sales of 1957 cars to be hurt by a big carryover of unsold 1956 models.

Hydrogen Bomb To Be Exploded In Mid-air

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hydrogen bomb test which newsmen and civil defense observers are to see at Bikini Atoll next month will be a mid-air explosion of a weapon dropped from a plane.

Atomic Energy Commission officials previously had indicated that the new series of thermonuclear tests would include an air drop, among other methods, but had left indefinite the question whether the "open" shot for selected public observers would be an air burst.

Since then, Soviet party boss Khrushchev has announced that Russia already has dropped a hydrogen bomb from a plane—making a point of saying that the United States still was only planning such a test.

In answer to questions, the AEC said Wednesday that the "open" shot is planned as an air burst.

The government so far has never stated specifically whether the several series of tests at the mid-Pacific proving grounds in recent years have included an air burst. However, none of the few statements the government has made officially on tests have made any mention of the plane-delivery method.

The Air Force has at least three types of bombers capable of handling thermonuclear weapons—the new all-jet B52 long range heavy bomber which is just being delivered to some combat units; the B36 combination piston-jet engine intercontinental bomber; and the B47 jet medium bomber.

Discrimination Brand Put By Senator Morse On Bill To Curb Transamerica Bank

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The Senate this past week passed a bank holding company bill aimed primarily at Transamerica Corp., the largest single banking institution in the West, while exempting many large banking firms in the East.

Transamerica, through its control of the First National Bank of Portland and its 68 branches around the state, controls about half the bank deposits in Oregon. Transamerica controls the National Bank of Washington with its 12 branches in Washington state, as well as a number of banks in Idaho and in eight other western states.

Legislation passed by the Senate would stop Transamerica from acquiring new bank properties in additional states, and it would require the holding company to get rid of its non-banking interests, including Columbia River Packers Assn. of Astoria.

The same bill would apply to the other bank holding companies in the Pacific Northwest that own two or more banks: Marine Bancorporation of Seattle, with 44 branches and 18 per cent of Washington's deposits; Old National Corp. of Spokane with 18 branches and 7 per cent of the state's deposits; and Union Bond and Mortgage Co. of Port Angeles, which has four banks and one branch, but less than one per cent of the deposits of Washington state.

Morse Sees Discrimination

Because of one amendment which exempts all holding companies which have only one bank, the bill does not apply to many big eastern banking institutions, some of them with assets far in excess of the assets of some western bank firms hit by the bill. This one exemption kept 116 of the nation's 163 bank holding companies out of the bill, according to Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), a member of the Senate Banking Committee that handled the measure.

Morse said in floor debate that these exemptions and others show that "it is a bill primarily aimed at Transamerica" despite the fact that "no abuses on the part of Transamerica in respect to the depositors and the investors have been brought forth in the record."

His point was that if Transamerica should be restricted, then all bank holding companies should be restricted. While believing that all holding companies should be restricted, Morse objected to discriminating against Transamerica. He said:

"Let me say this of Transamerica in my state: it has brought great economic advancement to the state of Oregon. Its subsidiary holdings such as Columbia River Packers, are among the outstanding economic institutions in my state."

Morse offered an amendment to make the bill apply to all bank holding firms but lost 51-48.

Exempted Firms Listed

He pointed out that among those exempted by the bill were W. R. Grace and Co. with assets of $375 million; Deere and Co. with assets of $430 million; and Gimbel Bros. with assets of $160 million. Morse said it also exempted the duPont trust of Florida, which controls 24 banks and many industrial companies.

Among the others exempted are: Financee companies such as the Morris Plan, Corp, with 12 banks in six states.

Religious associations, including the Mormon Church with its banking interests in Utah.

Labor organizations, such as the United Mine Workers with its eastern banking holdings.

Transamerica is the largest of the holding companies affected by the bill. The Senate committee said that as of the end of 1954 it controlled banks in five states — Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada and Arizona — with assets of over $2 billion.

Since then it has been buying up control of banks in six other western states — Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado — reportedly to get in under the wire before the new bank holding act takes affect.

The bank bill started out covering all holding companies. But by the time it passed the Senate it had been riddled with exemptions for the most influential firms.

In The Day's News

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cated La Prensa and manned it with henchmen who could be relied upon to do his bidding and feed to the people of Argentina only the news that PERON thought they ought to be allowed to know.

When Peron's dictatorship fell, the first act of the new government was to restore LaPrensa to Dr. Paz.

Let's put it this way:

Dr. Paz, a great editor, lost his newspaper to a dictatorship. He got it back again because the dictatorship was so foul that in time it fell of the weight of its own foulness.

Russia is governed by a dictatorship. It is worth remembering that one of the first acts of the communist dictatorship in Russia was to abolish the free press and replace it with newspapers run by the government and free to tell only the news that the government thought the people ought to be allowed to know.

Personally, I have an abiding faith that communism is so foul that in time it will fall of the weight of its own foulness. I have equal faith that when that time comes one of the first acts of the new GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE will be to restore to the people of Russia the right of freedom of the press.

The basic ingredient of free government is a press that is free to tell the people WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING instead of telling them only what those who hold the reins of power think the people ought to be allowed to know.

But let's get back to Dr. Paz. He came all the way from Buenos Aires to thank the American press for its unremitting campaign to have restored to him the great and free newspaper that had been taken away from him by a dictator who wanted to make sure that the people of Argentina were told only what a DICTATOR thought they ought to be allowed to know.

He pledged solemnly to the newspapers of free America that as long as La Prensa remains under his ownership and control it will be dedicated to telling the people of Argentina what is actually happening.

Only by knowing what is actually happening, he said, can they hope to REMAIN free.

One more point:

Dr. Paz spoke to the representatives of the American press in EXCELLENT English. He spoke with a slight accent, but what he said was as clearly understandable as if he had been a native.

What a wonderful thing it would be if we Americans, who like to think of ourselves as leaders in this modern world, would only take the trouble to learn to speak the language of the peoples with whom we hope to be associated in the world of the future.

It would make our job IMMENSELY EASIER.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — The climax of the two-day Washington conference of 800 Republican party leaders to plan their 1956 campaign was something to behold.

It was so nice, so refined, in such good taste. The applause was so restrained. There were no fights. It was, in truth, a wee bit dull.

A similar gathering of Democrats would have had at least one good row. Hot words would have passed on some issue. There would have been some wild cheering and have been a lot rowdier, and funnier.

This may be a carry over, but it still seems to be the main difference between the two parties in 1956.

WITHOUT TRYING to make any odious comparisons, there was a good bit of the "cult of personality worship" in the Republican gathering. They all seemed to think that all they need to sweep the country this year is Eisenhower.

The President of course got all the headlines and all the front page stories by his speech to the 800 GOP leaders. He told them about his high ideals for the party.

But it was Republican National Committee Chairman Leonard Hall who laid down the party line on campaign strategy.

Hall said he had had several conversations with the President on campaign strategy in the previous 18 months. "He always talked on an 'if' basis," said Hall. "In other words, 'if' he decided to run."

THIS WAS of course way before the heart attack. It indicated he must have been thinking about it all along.

"I would remind you," said Hall, "that the President stated that he would not — for either renomination or re-election — 'engage in extensive traveling nor in whistle-stop speaking.' He stated he had long ago made up his mind on this point.

"We concurred in the view," continued Hall, "that in a 60-day campaign, kicked off by the Republican National Convention in San Francisco, not more than half a dozen speeches would be indicated."

As already announced, these will be largely by television. Travel will be by plane to major cities.

The one dissenting note on this take-it-easy political strategy came from the floor in a few remarks by Sen. Homer Capehart of Indiana. He is running for re-election this year. He is apparently running scared.

"I WANT TO TELL a 'blue' story," began the big Hoosier. It was all right for this mixed, adult, cafe society group and it furnished the only spice of the evening. It was about a great-great grandmother who went to make her first call on a new great-great grandchild.

"Is it a boy or a girl?" asked the old lady.

"It's a girl," said the proud mama. "Can't you see?"

"It isn't my eyesight," said the great-great grandmother. "It's my memory."

The moral which Senator Capehart drew from this was his memory of the previous 20 strenuous political years.

"You're not going to win anything," he told his 799 Republican colleagues, "with less effort than you did in the past."

But what Senator Capehart believes is that if the GOP thinks it is going to win this election with only half a dozen speeches in a polite and painless, automated campaign of coat-tail riding on lofty principles, it can easily continue its lost control of Congress.

Absence Of Ike, Other Presidents Shown In Figures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The magazine U.S. News & World Report said Monday President Eisenhower "ranks third among modern presidents in time spent away from Washington for reasons other than convalescence from illness."

The magazine said it went to official records which give a log of each presidential trip, regardless of how short in time and distance, and it continued in a copyrighted article in its current issue:

"Franklin D. Roosevelt was away from his desk at the White House more days each year, on an average, than any other president in this century. William Howard Taft averaged fewer days away from the White House than Mr. Roosevelt, but was away more

Including both official trips and vacations, U.S. News & World Report said this was the average time spent from Washington yearly by the last eight presidents:

Roosevelt, 136 days, not counting 29 days of convalescence from a persistent respiratory infection spent near Georgetown, S.C., in 1944; Taft, 131 days; Eisenhower, 124 days, not counting 81 days of convalescence from a heart attack spent at Denver and Gettysburg, Pa.; Calvin Coolidge, 96 days; Harry S. Truman, 86 days; Warren G. Harding, 65 days; Woodrow Wilson, 61 days; Herbert Hoover, 44 ½ days.

The figures included trips abroad for international conferences made by Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower.

22 U.P. Freight Cars Derailed Near The Dalles

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP) — Emergency repairs on a section of Union Pacific main line track, ripped up by a 22-car derailment, were completed early Monday.

Eastbound and westbound passenger train service was delayed several hours by the derailment Sunday, 30 miles east of here.

No one was injured when the 22 cars of the 91-car freight train jumped the track after a journal box on one of the cars burned out and a wheel truck collapsed.

Social Security Instead Of Vets' Pensions Advised

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veterans' pensions would be tied in with social security payments and gradually eliminated under a proposal offered here by President Eisenhower's Commission on Veterans' Benefits.

The proposal was one of 70 made to the President in a lengthy report which, if adopted, would greatly change the benefit program now covering the nation's 22 million veterans.

The recommended changes involve GI insurance, disability compensation, survivors benefits, widows' pensions, readjustment benefits, Veterans Administration structure, discharge benefits, GI loan privileges and servicemen's benefits.

The commission was headed by retired Gen. Omar N. Bradley and spent more than a year studying the veterans' program. Bradley formerly headed the VA.

The report did little to chart the actual impact of the recommendations it contained, but the proposals apparently would lower or cut out many of the payments now being made to veterans, servicemen and survivors.

Controversy Expected

The recommendation to tie in veterans' pensions with social security, for example, would reduce some pensions since more than half of the 700,000 pensioned veterans are drawing social security payments. These, under the commission's recommendation, would be deducted from pension payments. Maximum combined payments would be $70 a month for a single veteran or $105 a month for one with a dependent wife.

The proposals are bound to stir up controversy because they conflict sharply with the benefit programs advocated by various veterans' organizations.

In its report, the commission said today's veterans' programs should place emphasis "on those programs which take care of the needs arising directly out of military service . . . Veterans with no service-connected disability after readjustment should be considered in the same category as citizens who are not veterans."

Rep. Green Says Philosophies At Stake In Fight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An Oregon congresswoman says the Hells Canyon power development battle "is a symbol of the struggle between two philosophies, between two visions of the American future."

Rep. Edith Green, a Democrat, told the American Public Power Assn. this week that the Eisenhower administration-backed plan for Hells Canyon would be a "costly folly."

The Idaho Power Co. has been granted permission by the Federal Power Commission to develop the power potential at Hells Canyon on the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon with a series of low-level dams. Opponents favor a single high dam.

Mrs. Green said the Idaho Power Co.'s development would ruin forever a main control plan for the Columbia River Basin.

Alex Radin, general manager of the power association, said attorneys for the National Hells Canyon Assn. have told him they are confident the award to the Idaho Power Co. will be overturned in the courts.

Station For Monitoring Radiation To Be Set Up

PORTLAND (AP) — The state Board of Health said here that a radiation monitor station will be established here as part of a nationwide detection network to measure any radioactive fallout in this spring's nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

The Portland station will collect daily readings of radioactivity and forward the data to a central collection office in Washington, D. C. Local records also will be maintained for the Board of Health.

The network was set up by the U. S. Public Health Service at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission. A series of nuclear tests is scheduled to begin in the South Pacific about May 8.

Hungarian States His Own Brother Fired Upon Him

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The only survivor among four young Hungarian refugees who made a dash for freedom through the Iron Curtain on a farm tractor told reporters today he recognized his own brother among the Hungarian border guards who fired on them.

He said the other three youths were killed by machine-gun fire as they sought to tear through the barbed wire entanglements that guard Communist Hungary's frontier with free Austria.

Only Friedrich (Fritz) Hammerl, 18, made it to safety. He told Austrian border police that his family is Communist. He said his brother, Christoph, is a lieutenant in the border police and his father is the captain and commandant of another Hungarian police unit.

When Fritz went back to the border with Austrian police to reconstruct the flight, he said his brother Christoph stood behind barbed wire on the Hungarian side and cursed him as a renegade. Fritz will be given political asylum here.

TO GRADUATE

Ronald D. Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Davidson of Roseburg, is scheduled to graduate April 21 from the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

The graduation exercises will mark the end of nine weeks of recruit training, and will include a full dress parade and review before military officials and civilian dignitaries.

In nine weeks of instruction, the "raw recruit" is developed into a Navy Bluejacket, ready for duty with the fleet.

Rome Buses Collide, 15 Persons Injured

ROME (AP) — Four American tourists and 11 children of Rome's diplomatic movie and foreign colony were injured Monday in a collision of two buses.

The children, none hurt severely, were in a bus on their way to the fashionable Rome Overseas School.

The Italian bus driver and a teacher, Miss Rachel Evans of London, England, were more seriously hurt and remained in a hospital for X-rays.

The second bus was taking American and European tourists sightseeing in Rome. A broken shoulder was the worst injury.

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