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UNACCEPTABLE LABOR

By Charles V. Stanton

Lewis Brady, chairman of the Glendale school board, has my sincere sympathy.

Working on the third budget, after two rejections at the polls, Brady called for voters who rejected the budget to meet with the board and recite their objections. The first time the budget was submitted it was beaten by only four votes. Hoping more affirmative voters would turn out, the district board resubmitted the budget without change. At the second election the vote was 134 for the budget and 155 against.

What was wrong with the budget? Why didn't people like it? Why was it defeated? What changes were wanted?

These were the questions for which the budget board had to seek answers. But, when called upon to appear before the board and tell their objections and thus help in preparation of an acceptable budget, how many voters do you suppose appeared?

Twenty-five people turned out, an exceptionally large group, but only two had anything to say in protest.

It appears to me we need a change in our budget law—a change that will place the burden of remonstrance upon an open rather than a hidden opposition and will evoke a "bill of particulars" as a basis for opposition.

Boards Seek Facts

It always has seemed strange to me that we consistently refuse to recognize the reliability of a budget board.

We elect officials as our representatives. Under the terms of the state law they call in an equal number of private citizens. The officials and the appointed members then constitute a budget board. Each person is a taxpayer. Each is interested in keeping the tax bill as low as possible. Considerable time is spent examining each proposed expenditure, giving due thought to efficiency of operation.

Then, if the budget exceeds the legal limitation, it must be submitted to voters, most of whom have not the slightest idea of the amounts of money required for efficient operation, but who may not like personally one of the teachers if it happens to be a school budget, may have a peeve against the superintendent, because he has a better automobile than the voter, or may oppose simply because he doesn't want that much money spent and has no particular interest whether the school is able to operate the way it should.

No two voters may oppose the budget for the same reason. Each may have a different complaint. None, however, has taken the time or trouble to appear before the budget committee, while the budget was in course of preparation. Few of the opposition voters ever will voluntarily identify themselves and still fewer will ever state their real reason for opposition.

If we are not to accept recommendations from the budget board, why have one in the first place? Usually members of the board are men in whom we would have the utmost confidence if dealing with them personally. Yet the moment we elect a man to office, or a man attempts to do his civic duty, it would appear that he becomes suspect and is not to be trusted.

Many Dollars Wasted

Repeated budget elections are costly. Thousands of taxpayer dollars are wasted each year when budgets must be submitted several times, as so frequently happens. These dollars could be saved if the people who oppose certain items would contact the budget board while the budget is being prepared, or, at least, after the first rejection.

Voters never should be denied the last word. We must safeguard the right of the people to control the tax dollars they are willing to spend for any governmental purpose.

But, why not amend the budget law to eliminate an election unless a remonstrance is filed? The remonstrance should set forth specific reasons for objection to the proposed budget. Opportunity then would be afforded for changes by the budget board, or an election could be held to vote on the budget as originally proposed.

That suggestion, I'm sure, will not be popular with taxpayers. Perhaps it is not workable. But, in my opinion, it would save the expense of a lot of unnecessary elections by giving budget committees some inkling of why their work so often is unacceptable.

Sen. Morse Claims He Was Misquoted In Exchange Of Epithets With Sen. Capehart

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Sen. Wayne Morse says he was misquoted by reporters who were present the other night and covered his vitriolic exchanges with Indiana's roly-poly Sen. Homer Capehart.

"The way it came out in the papers Morse called Capehart 'a cup of rancid ignorance.' Capehart had hopped on Morse for his comparing President Eisenhower with Dave Beck, saying Morse was 'intentionally dishonest.'"

The Congressional Record, in which all debates are recorded, offers no proof of exactly what Morse called Capehart because Morse decided better of it later and had it stricken from the permanent record.

But to keep the record straight, he characterized his poorly colleague as a "cup of rancid ignorance."

The wives of two prominent Washington figures met recently at a party, according to report, and had the following exchange:

Mrs. Earl Warren (wife of chief justice): What's this I hear about your husband investigating trading stamps?

Mrs. Ezra Benson (wife of Agriculture Secretary): I don't know anything about it?

Mrs. Warren: Well I hope nothing happens before I get my present book filled.

(Benson's department recently issued a report blaming trading stamps as one reason for the big spread between farmer's prices and consumer's costs.)

Rep. Charles O. Porter is accepting an invitation to make a speech in Puerto Rico about his favorite subject these days, the explosive Murphy-Galinder case. He'll fly down there this weekend. Following weekend he goes to Costa Rica at the invitation of the president of that Latin American democracy.

Porter here has advised Porter away from his congressional office. He now has a brand new one which he'll take on these sorties down into Trujillo's part of the world.

Very important people in Washington can now obtain, by invitation, an expensive paid trip to sunny Florida in exchange for appearing on a TV show in Miami, courtesy of Ex-Sen. Harry P. Cain (R-Wash.).

Cain is now master of ceremonies on a show he calls V.I.P. He imports VIPs from the capital for interviews.

In a sense Cain, who was a bank clerk before rising to political

Shrunk's Attorneys Want Oregon Bar To Investigate Aides Of Attorney General

PORTLAND — The attorney for Mayor Terry Shrunk late Tuesday asked the Oregon State Bar to investigate for misconduct the three assistant attorneys general assigned to prosecute the mayor on a charge of perjury.

And he also asked the circuit court to order the state to provide a transcript of all testimony of all witnesses who appeared before the March grand jury. That is the grand jury which indicted the mayor on charges of taking a bribe and of lying when he said he didn't.

The attorney, Edwin D. Hicks, said in his letter to the state bar that a statement by Elliott Cummings, John Pickett and Ralph Wyckoff which was published in the Portland newspapers Tuesday, actually was a charge against him.

This charge is made "on the eve of an important case involving the liberty of the mayor," Hicks wrote, and he suggested it be viewed in the light of the "canons of ethics" of the American Bar Assn.

Hicks did not name the three assistant attorneys general, but he appended to his letter a copy of the newspapers containing their statement. In it, they said the Portland police department was aiding in the Shrunk defense and tax funds were misused.

Alan F. Davis, president of the state bar, said he would not comment.

Hicks, in his circuit court motion asking for transcripts, and also for any signed documents relating to the charge that gambler Clifford O. Bennett gave Shrunk a bribe, said it had been impossible to interview witnesses freely when interviews were attempted, they "are made the subject of press releases by the

prosecuting attorney and of headline stories in the Oregonian, with charges insinuating that such attempts are improper. . . .

Moreover, he said in his motion, other defendants have had not only that same trouble, but some of them have had criminal charges brought against them for it.

"The defendant in a criminal case," the motion continued, "is entitled to compel the state to disclose the evidence on which it seeks to deprive such persons of his liberty."

Meanwhile, Bennett, accused of trying to intimidate a witness, was bound over to the grand jury Tuesday.

Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding took the action after a two-hour hearing behind closed doors. Ordinarily such hearings are open, but Redding acceded to the closed session on the ground he was acting as a magistrate.

Bennett's attorney, Howard Lonerger, had requested the private hearing.

Hicks is accused of trying to get Mrs. Virginia Jenkins to change her story about an alleged \$500 bribe Mayor Terry Shrunk is accused of receiving from Bennett.

She said she worked for Bennett at his night club, and that one night 1½ years ago Bennett asked for an envelope and placed the bribe money in it.

Late Tuesday, another witness, Frank Daniels, was quoted by The Oregonian as saying that Bennett had tried to get him, too, to change his testimony that he saw Shrunk pick up an envelope which supposedly contained the bribe from Bennett.

Both Shrunk and Bennett deny the story.

Reader Opinions

Douglas County Museum Importance Stressed

I wonder how many citizens in Douglas County know there is a bill before Congress at this time sponsored by Representative Charles O. Porter and Senator Richard L. Neuberger in behalf of the Historical Society of Douglas County? This bill requests the U. S. Government to give the three lots, located near the business center of Roseburg and known as the Lillie Moore property, to the City of Roseburg for the location of a museum.

This property, together with other valuable property, was willed to the U. S. Government by Lillie Moore, the last remaining heir of the Moore family. From the sale of part of this property, the government has now realized more than \$100,000.

The old home of Lillie Moore, which now stands on these lots and contains many interesting and valuable family possessions, has previously been given to the Douglas County Historical Society with the stipulation that it be moved from its present location soon. It has now been determined that the house cannot be moved due to its age and condition.

Since the Historical Society has been most unfortunate in securing property for a new location for this house as has been explained in a

previous letter published by The News-Review, it is now requesting the U. S. Government to give these three lots to the City of Roseburg for a museum site. The return of \$50,000 of the money from this Moore estate for the purpose of building a museum on this property.

Since the Moore family played an active part in the early history of Roseburg and Lillie Moore had cherished the hope of her personal possessions being placed in a museum, it seems proper that her desires be fulfilled. She had expressed her interest in a museum to many of her close friends.

The contents of the Moore home are of such a nature and value that if they were lost or destroyed, Douglas County would suffer a great loss of relics and treasures of the pioneer era. Since treasures of this nature are not plentiful, it is urged that we get a home for the ones available before they vanish into obscurity.

As a member of an old pioneer family, I feel strongly that these items should be preserved. As the pioneers become fewer, their prized possessions are many times scattered or fall into unappreciative hands. With a museum in Roseburg, these pieces of historical value could be placed there, thereby preserving our ancestral history for future generations.

Most of us have visited the Jacksonville Museum. That sprang from an idea years ago. Had those citizens not done as we wish to do now, many of these items on exhibition would have been lost or destroyed. Thousands of tourists visit this museum each year and enjoy the insight into pioneer life. Last, but by no means least, consider the financial benefit for the City of Jacksonville derived from these tourists.

If the City of Roseburg is fortunate enough to acquire these three lots and a museum, it would find it far more valuable to the business interests than a parking lot located on these lots. It seems that a small group of business men in Roseburg is in agreement with the Planning Commission to use this historic site for a parking lot instead of a museum. It is difficult to believe that a group would place a parking lot above a museum in importance.

If those of you in Douglas County who are interested in perpetuating the memory and early history of our pioneers, will take advantage of this opportunity, as Jacksonville did, and show your interest and approval of this bill in Congress by writing a letter, I feel certain we can get possession of these lots and a museum. Write to Representative Charles O. Porter, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. or to Senator Richard L. Neuberger, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C. immediately.

Pearl A. Lawson
Riddle, Oregon

New Portland Hospital Planned By Kaisers

PORTLAND — Construction of a new \$3,000,000 hospital in Portland will start next fall, Edgar F. Kaiser, California industrialist, announced here.

He said it will be named the Bess Kaiser Memorial Hospital, in honor of his mother.

The 125-bed hospital, located on a bluff above Swan Island, will be completed about two years from now, said Kaiser, who was associated with his father, Henry J., in shipbuilding at Swan Island and two other yards in Portland and Vancouver, Wash., in World War II.

Kaiser Permanent Foundation Hospital activities, conducted for 12 years at a small hospital east of Vancouver, Wash., will be transferred to the new building in Portland, Kaiser said.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — One of the more desperate ordeals of parenthood is listening to a child read who can't read. Now and then a small local female member of my own tribe comes up to me, carrying a heavy volume upside down in her hands.

"Read it to me," says Tracy Ann, who is almost four.

This probably is a heart-warming picture to a man selling subscriptions to the book-of-the-century. It may even brighten the view of an anemic professor of literature with bright hopes that the culture of yesterday lies securely in the brave small hands of tomorrow.

But to me it creates another prospect.

The situation usually goes like this: I have a library that emphasizes the long human reach toward perfection. It catalogues man's endless search for a word that will give a better answer than the sword. A lot of people's libraries are probably like that.

But my daughter, who leeringly refers to herself as "Cuddie Bug" in the presence of strangers, isn't as yet interested in what books say they say.

She's a story girl herself. Her idea of reading is that my book

Economy Meat-Axe Perils U. S. Power, Brucker Declares

WEST POINT, N. Y. — Secretary of the Army Brucker said this week American military power is "being threatened in the name of economy."

He added it is "not the kind of economy that is the servant of the broad interests of the United States, but the meat-axe variety which immeasurably increases the nation's peril."

His comment aimed at the congressional move to cut the defense budget was contained in a speech prepared for the annual luncheon of the association of graduates of the U. S. Military Academy.

Brucker said "prudent economy is laudable as long as we recognize that true economy consists of wise spending." But, he declared:

"We are observing reasonable efforts to achieve true economy caught up in a whirlwind of publicity and subverted into attempts to chop indiscriminately at our defense and foreign military assistance budgets in a manner which threatens the very foundation of our military strength."

Past Lessons Cited

He spoke of past "lessons of false economy," including a reduction of defenses before World War I and World War II. Brucker added that "we were not ready to fight in Korea when that war started. But despite what happened then, he said, "there are some who would let down our guard."

Physical Fitness Need Emphasized

ASHEVILLE, N. C. — America's children, reared on television, the family car and the school bus, are showing up badly in physical fitness tests, a physical education expert reported today.

Bonnie Prudden, White Plains, N. Y., newly appointed to the President's Citizen Advisory Committee on Youth Fitness, said there is "a level to which we can't go without getting into danger, both physically and emotionally."

The Russians are spending billions for physical education — not sports, but gymnastics, "and they're not doing this for fun. They need a strong nation because they have plans for it," said Miss Prudden.

She urged America "to take a leaf out of their book and get to work on our own youngsters."

Miss Prudden, a trim, dark-haired 43-year-old, who looks more like a college girl though she is the mother of two teen-

agers, operates an institute for physical fitness in White Plains. She came here to address the General Federation of Women's Clubs and urged the women to get busy to trim themselves and their families.

She said in an interview American children need more gym work and running games that build endurance, but less ball playing.

Schools aren't handling the problem, she said. Ninety per cent of the elementary schools have no gym at all and other schools are emphasizing recreation rather than physical education.

There is too much stress on baseball, volleyball and basketball, she said.

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