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THE FACE OF LABOR

By George Castillo

The true face of labor was seen last week in Roseburg. It wasn't the disdainful sneer so often painted. It wasn't etched with greed or braggadocio. Nor was it shrouded in secrecy to hide the workings behind the face. It was the democratic, businesslike composite of a group of men and women working toward the common goal of making this a better world in which to live.

The state convention of the Oregon AFL-CIO (formerly Oregon Labor Council) was a revelation in the workings of the Democratic processes. And at the same time, it provided proof that the Democratic processes are not so ponderous that work is impossible.

Evidence enough of that is the fact that the full council took action on no less than 88 resolutions, all of which needed investigation and discussion.

No Short Shift

Despite the number, none of the resolutions was given a quick "lick and a polish" treatment. All 88 had been examined closely in committee and discussed by the general membership. When it was obvious that more investigation was needed, the resolutions, no matter how innocuous appearing, were set aside for further study. An example was the action on the Lillie Moore property in Roseburg in which it was asked that Sen. Wayne Morse be requested to support a movement to transfer it to the city of Roseburg. It was decided that more information was needed on both sides, so it was referred to the officers for action at a later date even though it would have pleased Roseburg to get the support now.

This was also a good example of the fact organized labor is not interested only in wages, hours and fringe benefits. The range of interest was wide. Other examples included action on railroad crossing warning signs, support for community college studies, a stand for more adequate anti-wire-tapping laws, endorsement of the Youth Conservation Act patterned after the Civilian Conservation Corps and support of the Oregon Centennial.

It merely proved that labor is too often labeled as a pressure group with only selfish motives rather than many individuals interested in their fellow man. Labor has power, but it is, for the most part, using that power judiciously with the thought in mind of the responsibilities that go with the power. The attentive audiences at the well-attended meetings reflected this.

The convention could well serve as an object lesson to other groups.

First of all, a no-nonsense approach to the business at hand was followed. The delegates obviously weren't here for a good time, primarily. It was a time for hard work.

Secrecy Not Evident

Secondly, it wasn't a convention in which all the decisions were made in the cloakrooms. The committees to which the resolutions were referred took the approach that it was the business of the membership and of the public. Committee hearings were open to both the membership and the press. After decisions were reached in committee, they were brought to the floor for discussion by the whole convention.

Finally, the intendment and devotion to duties indicated that the programs outlined in the resolutions will be carried through. The resolutions will not be left to moulder in some pigeonhole. This organized, businesslike approach may be the reason labor's programs are often so successful. Many other organizations could take a page from labor's book for their own programs.

In any case, labor's session here can be classed as one of Roseburg's better conventions.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

That Eskimos are going in for modern housing... After their snow igloos melted during the arctic summer, Eskimos on Bleak Baffin Island replaced them with plastic igloos.

That the favorite flower of most convicts is the rose.

That handreader Sammy Kaye says, "Whenever you hear some guy claim he can read women like a book, it's a safe bet the guy is too old to start a library."

That the U.S. Postoffice handles more than three billion postcards a year... Incidentally, people who collect old picture postcards are called deltiologists. (Well, after all, they have to be called something.)

That if you have "O" type blood, you have the same type as singer Elvis Presley. Lucky you!

That true storks, the kind that are supposed to bring babies, aren't found in the United States... but this is no problem in New York City. Here parents tell children they came from the department store.

That a mother elephant nurses her calf until it is one and a half to three years old.

That President Zachary Taylor never voted until he was 62 years old... His excuse: He'd been too busy fighting.

Ancient Hen Outdone

That 30 years ago a good producing hen laid only 200 eggs a year... Today her great-great-great-great-granddaughter lays 300.

That some of the big new jetliners hold 13,488 gallons of fuel enough to drive the average car 225,000 miles... or nearly to the moon.

That the nation's first chain-cave operator, Lester B. Dill of Stanton, Mo., who owns several tourist caverns, explains his success thusly, "I just worked myself down in the world."

—Into the Wild Blue Yonder



Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

TO SAVE THE SALMON

Salem Capital Journal

The Oregon Fish Commission has announced a comprehensive study and evaluation of past and present fish hatchery activities from the start in 1887 to be conducted under the direction of Irvine French, current director of fish culture, appointed to the newly created position of consulting analyst, who has had 20 years experience in all phases of salmon hatchery work. With the building of high dams, hatcheries loom as the only practicable means of preserving Oregon salmon runs. But even hatcheries cannot preserve fish unless pollution of our rivers and streams is ended.

That the menace of high dams to salmon extinction may be solved is indicated by the announcement by Samuel J. Hutchinson, regional director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Seattle that a Columbia River blueback (sockeye) salmon has ascended a fishway nearly 7000 feet in height in an experiment at Bonneville Dam, designed to test what height various fish will climb in fish ladders.

It was in an endless fishway built in a flume at the Fisheries Engineering Research Laboratory at the dam the tests were made. The male salmon swam 5 1/2 days and nights under observation of biologists. Dr. Gerald B. Collins, research biologist, is quoted as saying:

"We are trying to find what is fatiguing to fish and what are the energy requirements for fish passing over dams. This experiment suggests — and I want to emphasize that — that fishways may not be as fatiguing to salmon as we thought. The blueback set a record of almost 70 times the highest fishway in a Columbia River dam."

Only one fish climbed this high, but since the endless fishway was installed in April several have climbed heights greater than those required at existing dams. A chinook climbed 272 pools, one foot in elevation for eight feet in length in 8 hours, 45 minutes. Another chinook climbed 340 pools in 1 and 16 fishway in 10 hours 10 minutes, and a third chinook 632 pools in 13 hours. One blueback climbed 304 pools in 13 hours—all removed before exhaustion.

The fish must be in good condition after climbing to complete the trip to spawning beds. Like humans fish have varying qualities of endurance. As Hutchinson says:

"The results of this experiment by no means entirely solves the problem of getting fish over multiple purpose structures larger than run-of-the-river dams now in the Columbia or planned for the Snake. It must be remembered that the downstream migrant must be satisfactorily passed in order to maintain fish runs."

To keep the young salmon from a fatal plunge over the dams seems an even greater problem than getting mature fish above it, and the problem must soon be solved to preserve the industry.

SPECIFICS NEEDED

Grants Pass Courier

Dr. John F. Sly, who was retained by the State Department of Planning and Development to make a survey of the Oregon tax structure and determine whether it is a factor in keeping industry from locating in this state, has issued a preliminary report. Thus far it offers little that is new. Oregon's current state income tax, Dr. Sly notes, is among the five highest in the nation. Most of us already knew that. Also generally realized is Dr. Sly's second observation — that the Oregon income tax hits lower income groups harder than any other state.

The working man who sees the amount of state tax taken out of his pay check each week or month certainly knows that the rate is very high. This is especially true if he moved here from another state, where rates were much lower. Dr. Sly also reports that 45 per cent of the total state and local taxes in Oregon are property taxes, while 25 per cent of the revenue comes from income taxes.

Press accounts of the preliminary report make no reference to any conclusions on the part of Dr. Sly concerning the discouraging as-

pect of high taxes when new industries are looking for Pacific coast sites. Yet other and equally reputable sources repeatedly have charged that many industries, unless they must have raw material that is available in Oregon, prefer to locate in California or Washington, despite the fact that these states have sales taxes.

Oregon's economic difficulties, the preliminary report explains, are due to high transportation costs, lack of local marketing areas, seasonal employment and strong dependence on natural resources. Nothing new about these conclusions. They have been expressed many times before.

What we should like to hear from Dr. Sly, when he brings in his main report, is what if anything can be done about Oregon's tax structure to make it more equitable to citizens already here, and more attractive to potential newcomers with money to invest. The present prospect, despite the much publicized "surplus," is for still higher and higher taxes each year, as the politicians undertake to provide the "services" they think the people are demanding.

—Peter Edson—

WASHINGTON (NEA) — A question on whether the U.S. government should grant a subsidy to save two companies in a small industry hit by the recession has been raised by the Domestic Minerals Stabilization Act, now before Congress.

As passed by the Senate, the bill would provide subsidy payments of around 75 million dollars a year for five years to U.S. producers of lead, zinc, tungsten and acid grade fluorspar.

The House Interior Committee added beryl, chromite and columbite tantalum.

Final provisions will be worked out in conference after the House passes its version of the bill.

The provision which has caused the eyebrow lifting is the proposed subsidy of \$12 a ton on production of 180,000 tons of domestically mined fluorspar.

THE PRINCIPAL point at issue now is that if the fluorspar industry is benefited in this way, it may set a precedent for government bail-outs of other small, private industries when they come on hard times.

Most people may not know what fluorspar is, its principal use is in aluminum production, so a little bit of it goes into pots and pans. That brings the subject closer home. It is also used in steel, ceramic and chemical industries. An increasing use is in fluorspar production for missile fuels.

Two-thirds of U.S. fluorspar consumption is imported.

Only seven U.S. companies mine fluorspar domestically. For the last two years they have employed 800 men at mines, 700 at reduction mills. Five of the U.S. producers are captive companies whose entire output goes into aluminum and chemicals.

THE ONLY TWO companies that produce for the commercial mar-

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D.

(Written for NEA Service)

In the Revelation, John was required to eat the little book which one of the angels brought from heaven. As he chewed up the book and its contents, it was sweet in his mouth but when the substance reached his stomach it was very bitter.

Many people have doubtless searched for this passage since the experts failed to locate it a few weeks ago on the \$64,000 Challenge. As you now know it is in Revelation 10:8-11. There may still be a great deal of question about the interpretation of the passage but let us look at one very practical message from the words themselves.

Every now and then an experience appears very appealing. We do not weigh the possibilities of the bitterness of the end result. We taste of the temptation before us and find ourselves exhilarated. We partake wholeheartedly of the experience and then find ourselves sickened, embittered, unhappy and disillusioned.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued From Page One)
this a better world for people to live in.

Here's a happier tale:
In Reno last week a would-be robber was literally laughed out of the bandit business at the Riverside Hotel casino.

Officers say Mrs. Grant Edwards was on shift as cashier when a masked bandit walked up and demanded all the \$100 bills in her till. She thought it was a joke and LAUGHED.

Police say the robber turned white and fled — with a bounce in his hot pursuit.

I hope he got away.
I hope even more fervently that the experience SCARED HIM SO NEARLY OUT OF HIS BOOTS THAT NEVER AGAIN WILL HE CONTEMPLATE ROBBERY AS A WAY OF LIFE.
It just DOESN'T pay.

Along with nine others, this commandment was written on the tablets of stone:
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.
If we paid more attention to the Ten Commandments, this would

be a better world for all of us to live in.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus of Nazareth said (as quoted by Matthew):

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."
That simple rule, if universally followed, would cure nearly all the evils from which this world suffers so grievously.

Flying Saucers Myth, Declares Psychologist

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP)—Dr. Carl Gustav Jung is convinced that people who think they have seen flying saucers just wanted to see them. "Many people today are in need of fantasy," said the famed psychologist.

Jung gave one of his rare interviews Friday to deny reports that he believes flying saucers are real. He said he has investigated the saucer reports for 10 years.

But the 83-year-old psychologist said he finally came to the conclusion that people who claim to have seen flying saucers are searching for a new "savior" and reviving the ancient savior myths to satisfy their psychological needs.

In a report issued on July 29 by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization through its Unidentified Flying Objects center at Alamogordo, N. M., Jung was quoted as saying that UFOs are real and "show signs of intelligent guidance by quasi-human pilots." Subsequent investigation revealed this report was a distortion of a 1954 interview with Jung which appeared in a German-language magazine in Switzerland.

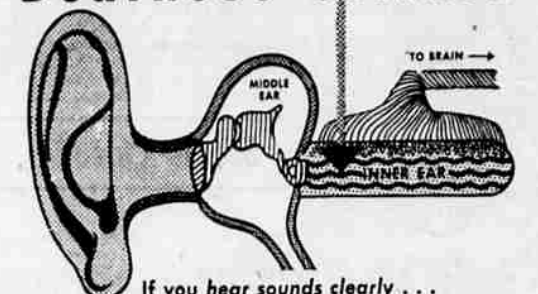
FARM EXPORTS HIGH

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