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LABOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

By George Castillo

Labor Day will be here again Monday, and again it will have a lot of meanings other than the one for which it was proclaimed a national holiday.

For most, it will mean an extension of a weekend for a late summer holiday.

This means picnic areas, parks and other summer pleasure spots will be jammed. Happy parents and families will be taking their last summer fling.

On the grimmer side, however, the day will mean additional scores of deaths and injuries on the highways. The quest for pleasure by many will end with fatalities and hospital notices. It will undoubtedly be a "labor day" for body workers — human bodies.

Labor Day also marks the division point between the carefree days of summer and the winter work ahead. Many children will exhaust themselves for the last time this summer before heading back to school. Almost everyone else will return from long-weekend outings to get down to fall and winter routines of business.

In this atmosphere of putting a gay, final period on the summer, the real meaning of Labor Day has taken a back seat.

Appraisal Needed

It was established to pay tribute to the workingman's vital contribution to the rippling muscles of the United States economy. It should also be a time for appraisal by labor of its past traditions and future actions to promote the general welfare.

Labor Day 1958 should be a day when particular emphasis should be given by labor to its responsibilities. The country is just pulling out of a recession and is now face-to-face with the starkly real dangers of inflation. Labor can either aggravate or control the attrition of the dollar by inflation.

The escutcheon of labor has been smeared considerably in the last few months, largely because of a few irresponsible leaders. A rejection of this leadership and a turn to a more stable and responsible guidance is a necessity now to push the name of the American workingman to new heights.

It is only with this kind of leadership that demands for wages and other benefits and activities in politics and government will be geared to the continued strength of the nation.

With its great strength, labor more than ever this Labor Day must face up to its responsibility.

OREGON INCOME DIPS

Oregon's per capita income took a slight dip of 1 percent to \$1,914 last year, according to estimates just released by the Office of Business Economics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This apparently was a reflection of the softening of the economy during the 1957 year. Despite the per capita drop, however, total personal income for the year in the state reached a record level of \$3,385,000,000. It was up 1 percent from 1956.

Actually, both these figures were good indicators of Oregon's heavy dependence on the timber and lumber industries. The 1 percent rise in total income was the smallest noted among five western states. The per cent drop in per capita personal income was the only decline noted among the five during 1956.

Another indication of the narrow economy base was the 4.6 percent decline in the 1957-58 fiscal year in tax collections. The total figure was \$185 million, 44 percent of which came from the individual income tax.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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his term in office enough money to recompense him fully for the responsibility that he carries on his shoulders.

And—

When he retires from his office— He occupies a peculiar position. He is an elder statesman. From the day he goes out of office until his death, he is a part of the government of the United States. As such, he is inhibited in the making of a living. There are so many things he CAN'T do and still live up to the traditions of the Presidency. The same is true of his widow after he dies.

So much for the pensions.

Let's look now at the trimmings. In its fundamentals, our government is sound and reasonable. In these fundamentals, there is little room for criticism. It is the TRIMMINGS that really cost money.

For example:

A man is appointed to do a job. If he is to do a job, he must have an office. If he is to have an office, he must have a SECRETARY. Custom (especially in Washington) decrees that.

Let's start with the office. It must have a desk. It must have a chair for the man to sit in. There must be a chair for those who come to the office for interviews. So far, so good. But, as time passes, it becomes evident that only ONE CHAIR is an indication that the man who has been appointed to the job ISN'T VERY IMPORTANT. If he were really important, more than one person would be waiting to see him.

A DAVENPORT is required to make the man seem more important. In time, even a davenport doesn't imply enough importance. So a waiting room is added to his

office. The secretary sits in the waiting room.

Then—

Just ONE secretary doesn't seem to connote enough importance. So the secretary gets an assistant. The assistants to the secretary get other assistants. That calls for MORE ROOM. So the office with one waiting room is expanded to a SUITE OF OFFICES. As time passes, a suite isn't enough to make the man seem important enough, so his quarters are expanded to include a whole floor. Eventually a WHOLE BUILDING is required to make the man who was appointed seem as important as he ought to seem.

The trouble with government offices is that they PROLIFERATE.

The pensions for ex-Presidents and their widows are WONDERFUL. But I hope somebody keeps an eye on the trimmings. Especially the staff of assistants. Otherwise nobody can tell how far this new departure in government might spread.

Mexico Using Troops To Halt Student Outbreak

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The government posted more troops around the University of Mexico campus today and threatened to evict students after they rejected President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines' request to end their war on the city bus system.

Students have barricaded themselves in "University City" on the southern edge of the capital. They are protesting against a recent boost in bus fares.

The protest, part of a wave of labor unrest and wildcat strikes throughout Mexico, was caused by deteriorating bus service in Mexico City.

Labor Day—of Rest



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Reader Opinions

National Guard Sunday Drill Evokes Protest

This is an appeal to the people of Oregon for help in a situation that is creating an unhappy muddle in a lot of our lives.

In many areas of this state the National Guardsmen are ordered to drill on Sunday. This is completely contrary to the understanding the men had when they enlisted. They were told they were to drill for two hours once a week on a week night, and to drill for two weeks each summer. This was to fulfill their military obligation, if properly carried out for eight years. Now they are told to report to their respective armories at 7:30 in the morning every other Sunday to drill until five o'clock in the evening. This is of course more than double the time they agreed to put in, as well as requiring that they be away from home on half the Sundays of the year.

Sunday drill means that the men

are denied the American privilege of worshipping each Sunday in the Church of their choice. It also means that many of their wives and children can't go to church. They are training to fight if necessary for these very rights that are being denied them.

Many men in the Northwest work long hard hours six days a week. Two days a month is not enough to physically and mentally rest from their routine jobs. Also for many men it will mean two days a month to see their children. Being a family is more than sleeping under the same roof. It requires time to be together for fun and for worship to cement the family ties that the United States is so proud of. It is completely unfair to our children to have their fathers away on Sunday, the day they, along with their parents, have come to look upon as the day they go home, to take them to church or go for a picnic, or just stay home and enjoy each other's company.

In the Rogue River valley all the ministers have been contacted by "Guardsmen's" wives, asking their cooperation by joining us in writing to our representatives and to Governor Holmes, who is Commander in Chief of the Oregon National Guard. We have been offered overwhelming enthusiasm for the idea, and promised the full cooperation of the ministers and their congregations, and of the Ministerial Associations. Won't some Guardsman's wife who is unhappy with the setup join us? It doesn't take long to contact the ministers in your community, and they will be most cooperative, and very glad to hear from you. At least the twenty-four ones I called were. They are behind us here one hundred per cent as I am sure they will be everywhere.

Won't some of you, who believe in the rights of the individual, and who believe that the government should be made to keep its side of a bargain made in good faith, join us in writing these letters, and see if you can help us keep our families together on Sundays, and help us to get back the right and privilege of going to church every Sunday?

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Manner Of 'Judging' Art Exhibits Branded Unfair

In the interest of all artists and would-be artists in the Douglas County area, I have a complaint to make concerning practices followed at the local county fair.

It has come to my attention that the person in charge of accepting or rejecting entries in the art exhibit is also an exhibitor. This has been true for the past two or three years. In this light, entries have been refused on the grounds that they were "copies" — "Too perfect" and "impossible." Is this not pre-judging? Is it not the province of the judges themselves to decide whose work is worthy?

A number of fine artists in the county have become so disgusted with the peremptory manner in which their work has been dismissed that they refuse to be bothered with the fair, particularly since they may meet only with insult and rejection.

My own possible entries, of which there are eight or ten, have not been submitted for lack of proper frames. Frames are expensive, and few of us have for so many of them once an exhibit is ended. That last is a personal gripe, but it makes me wonder how many others are denied entry for the same reason. Is this a contest of the artist's ability or the framer's skill?

Let us have a fair which is fair to all! I rest my case on a matter of principle.

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Oregon's Utility Boss To Intervene In Airlines Issue

SALEM (AP) — Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan announced Friday he would intervene in the Pacific Northwest-Hawaiian case now pending before the Civil Aeronautics Board.

The case involves the permanent flying of either of both the Pan-American World Airways and Northwest-Orient Airlines to operate from Portland and Seattle to Honolulu.

The carriers have been operating on a temporary three-year permit which expires this year, he said.

Morgan explained the petition for intervention would be filed in behalf of the general public and previous intervenors who were listed as the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Portland Freight Traffic Assn., Port of Portland and the city of Portland.

The state of Washington has also intervened in the proceedings, he pointed out.

Morgan said sufficient traffic already exists for the two carriers flying five times a week to the islands and the jet schedule which would cut flying time in half would induce additional cargo and passenger tonnage.

The hearing date has not yet been assigned but it is expected to be set for October at a Pacific Northwest city, Morgan said.

Farm Product Prices Drop For Third Month

WASHINGTON (AP) — The agriculture department reported Friday farm product prices dropped one per cent between mid-July and mid-August.

This was the third consecutive month of decline but the prices still were nearly 3 per cent above a year earlier.

Price declines were reported for most farm products.

Principal exceptions were higher prices for cotton and seasonal increases for dairy products.

U. Of O. To Host 1959 Journalism Convention

COLUMBIA, Mo., (AP) — The University of Oregon School of Journalism will be host to the 1959 annual convention of the American Assn. of Schools and Departments of Journalism.

The association, holding its annual session here, picked Eugene, Ore., as the site of next year's meeting. Delegates also elected Charles T. Duncan, dean of journalism at the University of Oregon, as vice president of the association.

Voter Pamphlets Increase In Size Under New Law

SALEM (AP) — Voters Pamphlets for the November general election will be fatter this year. For the first time statements concerning candidates for county offices will be carried in the general election publication sent to all voters. More than a third of the county candidates are taking advantage of the new provision according to A. Freeman Holmer, state elections director.

He said that at the deadline Monday for accepting Voters Pamphlet statements, 79 of the 227 county candidates had submitted data and paid for space in the publication.

Virtually all of the state candidates will be represented in Voters Pamphlets to be issued this fall.

Only 14 of the 199 candidates for state offices failed to present statements.

Holmer said that over 900,000 copies of the pamphlets will be issued by his office this year and will go into the mail between Oct. 7 and Oct. 19.

Only One Independent

Only one candidate is running as an independent for the Oregon Legislature this year.

He is Elmer Deetz, Canby dairyman who served as a representative in the 1955 session, and is now seeking a state Senate post.

Independents have filed for district attorney in Harney, Hood River and Deschutes counties.

Party county central committees have named three persons to replace candidates who dropped out of races.

They are Ralph Wilson replacing W. Gordon Allen as Democratic candidate for the state Senate from Marion County; Richard W. Hill replacing Elizabeth Carson Sailor as Republican candidate from the North Portland sub-district and William E. Taylor to replace Fred Mauser who refused the Republican nomination in Wasco County.

Three Non-Partisans

Three names have been added to the non-partisan ballot by petition or convention.

Kenneth O'Connell is the only candidate for Supreme Court Justice to succeed himself. He was appointed by Gov. Robert D. Holmes after the resignation of Justice James T. Brand.

Two men, Jeff Dorroh, Ontario, and Charles W. Swan, Vale, have filed to fill the vacancy left by the death of Judge M. A. Biggs of Harney and Malheur county judicial circuit.

Dorroh was appointed by Holmes to fill the vacancy.

Creswell Man Killed In Utah Road Crash

SNOWVILLE, Utah (AP) — A Creswell, Ore. man was killed Thursday when his car and a huge earth mover collided on U.S. 30 near here.

The Utah Highway Patrol identified the dead man as Ronald H. Mettaker, 27, Creswell (Gen. Del.). They said his wife and four children were slightly injured.

Officers said the car collided with the construction machine operated by Weston Woodrow Wyman, 38, of Snowville, who works for the Thorne Construction Co. of Springville, Utah.

AUTO BROKEN INTO

A 1958 sedan belonging to G. E. Tigner of Rt. 4, Roseburg, was broken into Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning while parked in West Coast Airlines lot at the city airport, police reported.

Fred Killerman, 421 NE 11th St., Roseburg, reported the front window glass on the car had been smashed to gain entrance to the vehicle. Police said it is not known what was taken, although the prowler had gone through a box of papers left in the car. Investigation is continuing, they said.

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