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INVESTING FOR TOMORROW

By George Castillo

Perhaps the recognitions of Law Day and Youth Activities Day today indicate that future adults will know more about their heritages of justice and democratic government than those of 1959.

These may seem like any other recognitions, but they will carry particular significance for a group of students from several high schools of the county. The young people will receive at least a quick peek at the legal and governmental machinery which makes the United States different from any other country in the world.

It's a precious heritage that has flowered into exquisite blossoms of justice and service never seen by the world before.

Yet, judging from the complacency and ignorance of much of the present day population, it appears that the system of justice for all and government of the people exists just by the grace of God.

The United States has a legal system designed so obviously for the protection of the individual that his avenues of proving innocence or securing his rights are almost limitless.

Yet, hardly an individual ever walks before a judge or takes his seat in a jury box with any idea of the great body of rights he has.

Approval In Action?

At the same time, government is supposedly operated with the approval of the people. Approval apparently means no action at all.

Practically every election shows either no interest or complete satisfaction. Hardly ever does an election draw even half the qualified voters. How many issues, how many candidates have found their fates determined by a handful of votes?

The picture of disinterest is everywhere. Most people could tell you more about the duties of the dog catcher than they could about the duties of the three members of the county court who spend millions every year for county services.

Monday, practically all school districts in the county will hold elections to determine operating budgets. Probably not half the qualified voters know — or care — that votes are scheduled that day. And probably not 10 per cent know on what the votes are being taken. The phrase "6 per cent limitation" might just as well be spoken in a foreign language.

This may appear a sad commentary on the people in whose hands the legal system and democratic government lie. It is.

But perhaps the future will be brighter. Apparently this generation doesn't care about its precious inheritance, but it may have the foresight to build an interest in the next.

Values Seen In Days

Law Day and Youth Activities Day are steps in the right direction. Perhaps giving the teen-agers of today a look at the operations of government and the system of justice they will fall heir to will awaken in them an interest the last generation didn't awaken in us. They won't see the whole picture of a system which has given an unprecedented dignity to the individual. But perhaps the recognitions will sow the seeds of desire to learn more about it so they can be the kind of citizens who deserve the heritage of freedom and justice.

The franchise was meant to be democracy's strength. It has become its weakness by lack of use. Knowledge of the government and administration of justice fashioned by that vote was meant to be vital. This idea, too, has become watered down because the vote is out of fashion.

Hats should be off to the Roseburg Elks Lodge and Douglas County Bar Assn. They may be reawakening interest in government and justice by showing young people what it's about. Maybe things will be better in 1970.

LSW Wants Peace, Refuses IWA Armistice Proposal

PORTLAND (AP)—The Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union here asserted it wants peace with the rival International Woodworkers of America, but rejected an armistice proposal.

The proposal was offered by local 2519 of Seattle at the annual LSWU convention. The resolution asserted that jurisdictional warfare between the unions has been "a barrier against progress to improve wages and working conditions for the workers."

The resolution said the rivals try "to outdo each other in a manner that often is detrimental to one or the other group and often with the idea of knifing each other in the back."

The proposal urged international officers to get together to resolve the differences.

Delegates followed the recom-

Dillon Nominated For Undersecretary

WASHINGTON (AP)—C. Douglas Dillon was nominated by President Eisenhower Thursday to be undersecretary of state. He has been serving as undersecretary for economic affairs.

Word Dillon would be given the post had been passed when Christian A. Herter moved from undersecretary to secretary as successor to cancer-stricken John Foster Dulles.

The White House also announced the President plans to nominate Robert Murphy to be undersecretary for political affairs. Murphy now is deputy undersecretary.

It said Livingston T. Merchant, now assistant secretary in charge of European affairs, will be nominated to be deputy undersecretary for political affairs.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Washington, the House of Representatives upheld President Eisenhower's veto of a rural electrification bill that would have stripped from Secretary of Agriculture Benson his power to veto loans to cooperatives for rural electric and telephone service.

The House vote kept intact Ike's record of never having had a veto overridden. Since he took his oath of office, he has vetoed 138 bills, including this one.

What of the bill itself? Was it vitally important? The answer to that must be NO.

The secretary of agriculture has had the power all along to veto such loans. HE HAS NEVER DONE SO. In the present fight over the bill, the position of President Eisenhower has been supported by the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is the economic leader of the farm movement in the United States.

Responsible correspondents in Washington report that the significance of the fight over the bill that divided the congress along party lines was more symbolic than real. Some members of both parties privately agreed that it was chiefly intended as a slap at Secretary Benson, the purpose being to make political hay for the Democrats in the upcoming Presidential campaign.

Hal Boyle

Story Of A Child, Show-Window Dress And Temptation Finale

NEW YORK (AP)—Everybody she ever had known before had been kind to her.

Suddenly it happened. She did something new.

When she had bought things before she had had a long time to make up her mind. Mr. Kelly at the candy store had always been grumpy and rough. He was old, the children young, and both knew these inevitable facts of life and had adjusted to them.

One day she walked a different way. The big kind-hearted policeman wasn't there. And she could not see Mr. Kelly's candy store at all.

She walked block after block. She was happy, and the people who looked at her seemed to be the same way.

Some of them stepped up to question her, but then, as if embarrassed, they hesitated and walked away. And she walked on alone, humming to herself.

She looked into the windows as she walked. For a while they did not interest her, except they were strange and new, and although she felt sleepy she didn't want to take a nap.

There were fabric windows and windows full of strange foreign expressions with bulging eyes and men's pants hanging in the window and small shops with paper books. And then, all at once, there she was, the miracle of her.

Store Lure Prevails

The princess in the window, the lonely princess.

There were other children in the window, and mother had a hand dipped out maternally. But the one that wore the dress the little girl liked had seemed, for a moment, to stray away and stood by herself, a separate child with a dress apart.

But the little girl had been in this store before, and she knew where these things were for sale. And the sun was still high in the sky and she was not yet afraid.

She knew what she wanted, and there was a dress like the one she wanted on a model there on the floor. She went into the store, stepped up boldly, and said: "That's the one I want."

The saleslady, pleased at a quick sale, asked: "What size?" "I'm more than five and not yet six—and half past me," said the little girl proudly.

"Well, you dear thing," said the saleslady, giving a vague look of appreciation and goodwill as she stabbed at a stack of dresses that would fit the girl.

The child took the dress, held

Secretary Benson himself, in an interview in Washington on Wednesday night said the congressional drive to override the President's veto was "largely a political move to embarrass me and the President."

In general, the bill was favored by the spenders and opposed by the economizers. Former President Hoover, in a statement issued in New York the other day said the bill would "turn loose an enormous spending agency from even the restraints of the secretary of agriculture."

He added that the Hoover Commission reported to the congress in 1955 on such a bill, strongly criticizing its lack of control even at that time. He added: "We urged that it be placed under the same controls required of other government enterprises. This present bill is a strange departure even from that modest recommendation."

In considering the whole incident, which has taken up so much time, it must be remembered that another Presidential year campaign is shaping up.

In Presidential year campaigns we do some weird things. The battle over this bill and the President's veto of it must be included in the list.

James Marlow

Ministers On Both Sides Agreed Fully On Berlin

WASHINGTON (AP)—There has been an unsurprising burst of harmony on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

Western diplomats in Paris Thursday, preparing to meet the Soviets May 11 in Geneva, proclaimed full agreement among themselves on what they will talk about.

Earlier this week the Soviets and their European satellites met in Warsaw and proclaimed full agreement on their side.

The trouble with both displays of harmony:

1. The thoroughly cowed Soviet satellites could hardly do anything else but agree with whatever the Soviets want to say or demand at Geneva. So this harmony was window-dressing.

2. The Western diplomats — the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France and West Germany — could hardly afford not to show at least an outward sign of unity before the meeting with Gromyko.

Since the Westerners have been split for months on how to handle the Soviets, this sudden manifestation of sweet reasonableness and agreements may have a large element of window-dressing in it too.

Ultimatum Issued

The whole thing started last Nov. 27 when Premier Nikita Khrushchev gave the Allies six months — that would make the deadline May 27 — to get their troops out of Berlin.

He also wanted peace treaties signed with East and West Germany. But West Germany is linked with the Allies; the Allies would like to see all Germany linked with them; and therefore they have called for a united Germany.

Since in any free elections the West Germans doubly outnumber the East Germans, the result would be a united Germany that was pro-West. Khrushchev has said he would never let Communist East Germany get away.

All this adds up to a handsome set of difficulties in any negotiations between the West and the Soviet Union.

Western diplomats at Paris announced they had agreed on a package plan including these points:

Allied determination to stay put in Berlin until reunification between East and West Germany is achieved and a plan for controls, inspection and limitation of armaments in central Europe is worked out.

What isn't known is what the Allies will settle for — if anything — if the Soviets reject the package plan and insist that the Allies get out of Berlin.

So far the Allies have been on the defensive, put there by Khrushchev's November demands. And so far they haven't been able to think up anything to put him on the defensive. To now, therefore, the advantage has been all his.

Since the Geneva meeting later this month is supposed to be a preliminary and stage-setter for a summit meeting later, quite possibly both sides, while agreeing on nothing, will be on their good behavior.

A summit meeting would seem impossible if the foreign ministers at Geneva began the usual East-West program of mutual recriminations and denunciations.

I would appreciate the opportunity therefore, of urging everyone to vote for Dr. Neils Lindell, an advocate of the 6-3-3 plan and a gentleman who also believes in watching the pennies but is not a penny pincher, who believes in a well balanced educational policy but is neither ultra-conservative nor ultra-progressive. School District 4 needs this man at this time.

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Pilot Escapes In Plane Crash

LA GRANDE, Ore. (AP)—The wing tip of a spray plane hit a fence and cart-wheeled the converted B25 bomber into a farm field near here Thursday. The lone crewman escaped.

Pilot Lyle Flick, about 30, of La Grande, said he walked away from the wrecked craft. Flick added that he suffered no apparent injuries.

Flick said he was in a turn to make another spray run on a farm field 26 miles northeast of here when the two-engine craft suddenly lost altitude. The wing tip then hit the fence.

The plane came to rest on its back. There was no fire, Flick said.

Eldon Downs, manager of the Blue Mountain Air Service, said it would cost about \$4,000 to rebuild the craft.

Post Office Site Levelled



ISAACSON BROS. contractors moved big equipment in on the site of the new Roseburg post office building this week and began leveling the area and excavating for a partial basement, which will be incorporated in the building plans. General contractor John Todd of Todd Building Co. said he is still awaiting final approval of plans submitted to the Post Office Department, and that he would not be able to take out a permit to start construction until this approval is obtained. The site is the former location of St. Joseph's School at SE Kane St. and SE Washington Ave. Jack Isaacson is at the controls of the shovel. (Paul Jenkins)

State Tax Collections Down From '58 Mark

SALEM (AP)—Tax Commission collections of \$62,974,511 in the nine months ended March 31 were 20 per cent less than those of a year earlier.

Personal income tax receipts dropped from \$64,638,541 to \$56,772,965.

Corporation excise tax receipts were down from \$14,009,070 to \$5,529,082.

The principal reason for the decline is the tax reduction voted by the 1957 special legislative session.

Why I Want To Serve On Your School Board...

1. School aims and policy should be determined by the people. A school board is as American as our constitution.

2. I have spent over three years in intensive study of schools and the local district in particular.

As a parent, I believe in a strong upgrading at the academic level. Our schools should be among the top.

As a taxpayer, I am opposed to inefficient operation and waste of tax dollars.

3. I have time for the five year term to be filled by the Monday, May 4 election. I will devote necessary time and effort to the task of serving you and our children.

4. There has been talk about 6-3-3, 7-5 and other school organization plans. The school board has already voted 6-3-3. I will not question that decision.

The people will decide on funds for construction. They should control. I will support their vote.

Our present 6-2-4 plan differs from Oregon's largest school district. Portland has an 8-4 plan. Other districts have other plans.

Selection alone of an organization plan does not give or deny parents or others what they want from our schools. In many ways I can and will work for the best interests of our parents, children and all other citizens.

5. I have two more children in our local schools and want them and their contemporaries to get a better education.

I am happy to live and make my home in Douglas County. If the people elect me, I will serve them to the best of my ability.

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