

Unions Have Exceeded Goal University Debaters Claim

The union movement has exceeded its original goals and has pushed its power to the point where limitations must be drawn.

This was the premise of three young debaters from the University of Oregon who appeared as a panel at a Rotary meeting in the Umpqua Hotel Thursday.

It was the sixth annual symposium of major topics carried on by students of the university in an effort to sharpen their wits and deliveries under regular "battle" conditions before audiences of strangers. Their moderator was their speech professor, Dr. Scott Nobles.

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Sutherland Church Books Evangelist

The Rev. Mrs. Bonetta C. Rabe, nationally known woman evangelist and Bible teacher, will begin a series of meetings Sunday at the Sutherland Assembly of God Church, according to the Rev. D. L. Nultmeier, pastor of the church.

She will speak each night except Saturday and Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the church during the period from May 13 to 27.

The Rev. Mrs. Rabe specializes in the teaching of the prophetic



MRS. BONETTA RABE
... evangelist

books of the Bible, and her talks will cover a variety of subjects including Sunday's sermon on "America's Reformation."

The Rev. Mrs. Rabe is an active member of and lecturer for the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade and will include lectures on Communism in the series.

The services are open to the public and the Rev. Mr. Nultmeier invites all area residents to attend.

MEETING DATE CHANGED

Meeting date for the Douglas County Association for Retarded Children has been changed from the second Thursday of the month to the third Thursday.

The meeting will not be held tonight as listed in the Calendar of Events in Wednesday's News-Review.

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Harry Abbott was present and presented a petition signed by 111 Yoncalla residents regarding cleaning up unsightly lots covered with rubbish, buildings ready to fall down, and other eye sores. The council decided to take the matter up with the city attorney and see how far it could go to enforce a cleanup.

May 26 was designated as "Clean Up Day." The city truck will gather up rubbish left in front of homes. Garbage pickup is not included, Mrs. Edes said.

Myrtle Creek Sets Junior-Senior Prom

There will be a lot of contained hot air in the Myrtle Creek High School gymnasium Saturday night. That is the night the juniors of the school host the graduating seniors at the annual junior-senior prom.

The hot air will be contained in balloons — not two, not 10, not 50, not 100 of them. There will be 10,000—ten thousand balloons overhead, covering the entire ceiling of the gymnasium, according to a report of students promoting the prom.

Each balloon will blow up to about nine inches in diameter, so we leave it to students of mathematics to figure out how much of the gymnasium's space will be filled with balloons. Maybe there will be room left to dance.

There are about 400 students in Myrtle Creek High. About 100 of them started work Thursday blowing up the balloons with gas. They had a good many of them in place up against the ceiling for the mothers' tea Thursday evening.

The balloon idea came a little late so they had to be rushed to Roseburg air freight. They were ordered through Payless Drug Store in Roseburg from a company in Oxnard, Calif., which produces such items.



BUYS WHITE CANE — Douglas County Judge V. T. Jackson, on right, buys from Ely Jones a white cane, while Edell Bryant, chairman of the Roseburg Lions Club's sight conservation committee looks on. Lions, assisted by members of the Douglas County chapter of the Oregon Council of the Blind, will be on Roseburg streets Saturday from 11 a.m. until noon selling the miniature white canes to aid the blind and help in other sight conservation work. Jones operates a candy and cigarette concession in the lobby of the Courthouse. It was arranged for by the Lions. (News-Review Photo).

Rogue-Umpqua Water Shed Water Outlook Is Average

The Rogue-Umpqua watersheds have an average water supply outlook despite a comparatively dry April, reports W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation.

Snow melt during April was much greater than average and reduced the water content of the mountain snowpack to 70 per cent of the 15-year average which serves as an index. It is about 17 per cent less than on May 1 of last year. However, month-end storms added significant moisture to the snowpack above the 6,000-foot elevation.

Upper watershed soils, lying directly under the snowpack are now adequately primed by snow-melt water and will favor runoff.

Flow of the North Umpqua River below Lemolo reservoir is forecast at 95 per cent of the 1953-57 average.

State-wide, satisfactory water supplies for all of Oregon's irrigated lands now seem assured, except for a few important areas with "short" stored water supplies. Individual water users, dependent on

stored water in McKay, Agency Valley, Warm Springs and Drews Valley reservoirs will have to practice extremely careful water management if their lands are to have a complete irrigation season.

The next report on snow surveys and water supply conditions will be issued on June 8. Fourmile and Fish Lake reservoirs now hold about 10,000 acre-feet of water compared with about 8,500 acre-feet a year ago. The Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts can expect normal inflow to these three reservoirs for the balance of the season.

The Talent Irrigation District has a volume of water considerably above a year ago.

Drill Alarm Answered

Fire trucks of the Roseburg and Rural Fire Departments Thursday at 1:30 p.m. were called to the Veterans Administration Hospital in a drill alarm.

The drills are held about twice a month, a spokesman from the Rural Fire Department said.

Disillusioned Family Returns From Russia After Brief Stay

NEW YORK (AP)—A former Philadelphia railroad worker, who forsook the United States in the belief that a better life beckoned in the Soviet Union, returned home with his family today in bitter disillusionment.

"I have made an exceptionally tragic mistake," David Paul Johnson, 32, sadly told newsmen at Idlewild Airport.

Although Johnson, his wife and twin 4-year-old sons spent about a week in the Soviet Union, he said it takes only 10 minutes there to see that the Soviet Union is "an evil, bad thing."

Johnson said that anyone inclined to support Communist causes in this country, as he did, ought to go to there and look around and see what is there.

The Johnsons and their sons, Cole and Lindsey, appeared extremely weary as they stepped from an airliner at Idlewild. There was no immediate word as to what they would do next, except that Johnson said he wished to talk with a State Department representative.

Before leaving London on Thursday night, he told embassy officials that he misjudged the whole situation. He reported he found Russians ill-fed and clothed, and living in poor housing.

Johnson said he had supported Communist causes in Philadelphia for the past eight years but never was a party member.

Johnson seemed nervous as he faced a large group of reporters and photographers.

"I have made an exceptionally tragic mistake," he said to them. "Unfortunately it involves my family and myself. We are trying to pick up the pieces of our tragic life. I hope we can make it. We want to get home."

Johnson was asked to give his impression of the Soviet Union, as he found it during his short visit. "It is an evil, bad thing," he said.

Someone wanted to know how he could make up his mind in such a

short time.

"Ten minutes is all you need," Johnson replied.

Johnson's wife, Joanne, 30, and children stayed in an airline office during his brief meeting with the press. Johnson consented to meet with the press only on the basis that his wife not be present. He said she was very tired.

Johnson had been a \$112-a-week timekeeper for the Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia. He and his wife sold all their furnishings and most other possessions to finance the move to the Soviet Union.

They left London for Leningrad on the Soviet liner Baltika on April 23. By train they went from Leningrad to Moscow.

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