

Home Rule Waits For Us

The movement of home rule for counties is gathering speed, it was reported recently at the annual convention of the National Association of Counties in Denver, Colo.

Up to now, the movement to greater authority for counties in deciding their own destinies has been a painfully slow one. For example, in Oregon, only two of the 36 counties have adopted home rule charters. They are Washington and Lane.

But the pressures are growing, and it is becoming obvious that counties should be able to make some decisions of their own to solve their own problems. They cannot meet those problems when they have to do only what the state tells them they can do.

The pressures are the results of the growing urban areas outside city limits. The problems resulting from concentrated populations are compounding, and counties, which logically should attack those problems are restricted by state law.

In effect, the counties are little more than arms of the state government. But now the state can't be blamed. It has offered counties the right to decide themselves whether they should remain state-regulated or should strike out on their own to tailor their governmental structures and operations to needs of their own areas.

In other words, the state is giving the counties the chance to become equal with cities in the actions they can take. On the face of it, it would seem the

counties would jump at the chance. They haven't so far.

Some apathy has been shown by the boards of commissioners, who have found the comparatively tight restrictions of state rule a handy shield against growing demands. It isn't really a cause for castigation, because the counties have many problems they can and do meet. Douglas County, for example, is doing an admirable job of building a network of good roads for timber access, recreation and agriculture. With this vast project and others, the county court feels it has its hands full.

This means the spur must come from the people. But they, too, are apathetic. It has been the habit to accept the operation of county government as it is. People will gripe about the failure by county government to do something they think the county should handle. Some of them even go to the court and insist actions be taken. They hear the court tell them nothing can be done because state law will not allow it. Then, the matter dies.

A more active approach is needed. Some group or organization must take the bull by the horns and begin working toward establishment of home rule in Douglas County. The court is amenable, but the action must begin on the grass-roots level.

One of the speakers at the convention of counties in Denver, Kansas Gov. John Anderson, said "it is in the interest of the residents to increase their county's authority." The reason, he concludes, is that the closer the government is to the people, the better it is.

"You Suppose the Boys on the Hill Will Jump for Joy?"



By ROBERT C. RUARK

There is one thing that should be made plain, I think, in our current nervous climate of racial desecration.

It is not really a sin to be white. It is not against the law to be white. It is not an infringement of human dignity to be white. Perhaps a word might be said at the moment in favor of a man whose complexion is not brunette.

We live in this country, too. We pay most of its taxes, and are responsible for most of its progress. None of us ever sold a slave or bought one. We have made a great many of the country's mistakes, and we bleed, too, when stuck, and occasionally we are capable of decency.

Nationalities Many
Most of us never said "Nigger," and very few of us ever trod on the basic sensitivities of minorities. We are Italians and Irish (the President is Irish) and German and Polish and English and Spanish and French and Jewish and Catholic and Protestant.

We are High Church Episcopalians and foot-washing Baptist and Holy Rollers and Presbyterians and Greek Orthodox and Seventh-day Adventists. Some of us are rich; more of us are poor.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Wednesday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 1963 with 146 to follow.

The moon is approaching its last phase.
The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn.
The evening stars are Mars and Saturn.

On this day in history
In 1942, U. S. Marines landed at Guadalcanal to launch America's first offensive battle in World War II.
In 1947, the raft Kon-Tiki landed on a reef in Tuamotu Archipelago after a 4,000 mile voyage from Peru.

In 1954, England's Dr. Roger Bamister and Australia's John Landy each ran the "mile of a century" race in less than four minutes.

A thought for the day — American writer Ambrose Bierce said: "Woman would be more charming if one could fall into her arms without falling into her hands."

Multnomah Hotel Is On The Block

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI)—The Multnomah Hotel, long Oregon's biggest and best known, is for sale.

Bill Williams, manager of the 51-year-old hotel, said Western Hotels plans to keep the structure operating until it is sold. He said it could be a year before it closes its doors and then only "when and if a sale is imminent."

Williams said several groups were considering purchase of the hotel. He said it could become a retirement home or a permanent residence hotel.

Williams blamed the situation on overbuilding of hotels. He said in July the Multnomah had about 39 per cent of its nearly 500 rooms occupied compared to 72 per cent last July. The desirable percentage is 75, he said.

RUMMAGE SALE SET

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor a rummage sale Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Veterans Memorial Hall on Garden Valley Blvd. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone having rummage to be picked up may call 673-2774 or 673-7963.

It's Really No Sin To Be White Man

We have sinus trouble and cancer; heart disease and athlete's foot. We have hangeulitis and the common cold; berititis and boils. We bleed and we die. There is nothing of the superman about it. I do not fancy the current attitude that there is something semi-culpable about being white in this moment of overheating black indignation. The Negro has long-simmering grievances. It is true, but he is not without sin on his own side, and he is not going to correct it with an attitude that all days are awful people.

Snobbery Unlimited
"Oday" is a Negro inside term for white man, as is "bokra" in the South. There can be snobbery on both sides of the fence—snobbery and derision, as well.

There can be violence on both sides of the barrier, too. A brick hurled from a rooftop at a cop dents his skull, whether the cop is a Negro and a white man hurls it, or the cop is white and a Negro hurls it. A brick is a brick, and the hurler is a thing. Regardless of color.

I am not the man to say when "peaceful" demonstration develops into mob activity, and when mob activity develops into anarchy. But, by God, if I were the mayor of a city and anybody, black or white, came and flopped down in my office, as happened to New York's Mayor Wagner recently, I would not tread my way through the bed. I would cause the invaders to be removed, even from my own

humble workshop, and I would not consider color in the removal. It is a world of many colors—white, black, brown, yellow, and all the various gradations. Nobody's all right, and nobody's all wrong.

Much Is Wrong
Much of the demonstration-suppression in the South has been wrong and particularly the attitude behind the suppression. Certainly putting children in jail in Birmingham for demonstrating is wrong, but you are moved also to ask: Who sent the children in the mobs to demonstrate so that they could be thrown in jail?

I am but recently come back to this country from Africa, and I must say that in most sectors of Africa I feel safe, and friendly, and at home. But I would not walk by night through Harlem at this moment, because my skin is white, and I do not crave to be clubbed because God chose my coloration.

The leopard cannot change his spots, nor the Ethiopian his skin, so the old line goes. But I would like to add the note that the white man is stuck with his justice to give by association.

I hope the American Negro is fully accepted into citizenship in all its best meaning. But in the process of accepting him — which should have been a natural occurrence long ago — I have no intention of giving up my own right to be white.

-In The Day's News
From Moscow this morning:
The U.S., Britain and the Soviet Union signed a historic test ban treaty which they hailed as an initial step toward ending the cold war and guaranteeing peace. With a quick signing of names in St. Catherine's Hall of the Kremlin, they agreed to the first major control pact between the East and West since the end of World War II.

At the end, when all three had signed with an army of diplomats and officials looking on, Premier Khrushchev, beaming with satisfaction, led those present in a champagne toast to the future.

As they signed, the representatives of the three nations concerned each offered a comment on the significance of what had just occurred. Here are the comments.

U.S. Secretary of State Rusk: "It is a good first step. If, collectively, we and other nations pursue a course to insure that the forward momentum is maintained by further steps, man's long, hopeful quest for peace will begin to acquire solid reality."

Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko: "The treaty may pave the way for other, more important, international problems, including the problem of DISARMAMENT."

Britain's Foreign Minister Lord Home: "The treaty is an important breakthrough in the arms race. Now there is a chance to employ our great resources to produce a more abundant life."

It sounds wonderful, doesn't it? Almost too good to be true. One can't help wondering how, and why, it all came about.

And—
Especially—
One can't help wondering why Mr. Khrushchev, who for years has been talking about BURYING us, has come around so suddenly to

The Editor's Corner
By Charles V. Stanton

Gubernatorial Succession Law Outmoded, Dangerous

Gov. Mark Hatfield went to Miami recently to attend a conference of governors. While he was away Ben Musa, president of the Senate, became acting governor—a provision of Oregon's goofy law concerning succession.

Sen. Musa took advantage of his temporary position to appoint a member to the state Welfare Commission to fill a vacancy which had resulted from resignation of a member who did not agree with commission policy.

Musa is a Democrat. He appointed a Democrat to fill the vacancy. Hatfield is a Republican. He had received Musa's nomination of a fellow Democrat but had not taken action. So, Sen. Musa took matters into his own hands, although there was no immediate necessity—no emergency.

When Gov. Hatfield returned to his office he reportedly was displeased and made no efforts to disguise his displeasure. Musa, in effect, smugly thumbed his nose at the governor, evidently quite pleased with his act.

Probably the man named by Sen. Musa is in all respects capable. He may be considered efficient and in all respects qualified for the job to which he was named.

Furthermore, his party affiliation should make no difference. Yet, if he was chosen by Musa for the purpose of filling the office with a good Democrat, as a move to prevent the governor from naming a Republican, the act, in my opinion, was most reprehensible. Party affiliation is no criterion of a man's efficiency to serve in a non-political appointment, I believe. At the same time, however, an executive has the right to appoint people responsive to his own policies and ideas. Then, if we don't like the policy, we can get rid of the one responsible for it.

Likewise Gov. Hatfield has been selling Oregon. He has secretaries and office help capable of dealing with all routine affairs. Thus, there is little work demanding his presence in Salem other than emergencies. And, when emergencies arise, he is only moments from a telephone.

There is, in my opinion, no reason why a person with political ambitions and political debts to pay should be given gubernatorial privilege of a purely temporary nature in these days of fast communication and transport. Oregon's outmoded and dangerous laws in that connection should be changed, I believe.

Pope Paul Takes Working Vacation

CASTELGANDOLFO, Italy — (UPI) — Pope Paul VI Tuesday began the first day of his working vacation away from the Roman beat.

The Pope drove the 17 miles from Vatican City Monday to the papal summer residence perched here on the brink of a volcanic crater lake in the Alban Hills. A crowd of nearly 5,000 cheered the pontiff on his arrival. It was the longest trip outside the Vatican the Pope has taken since his election June 21 to succeed the late Pope John XXIII.

But it was not the first time Pope Paul has been to Castelgandolfo. The Pope frequented the papal estate as a young aide to Pope Pius XII, and brought comfort to villagers here when the town was hit by allied bombardments in World War II.

The Pope told the crowd that greeted him nothing pleased him more than to be surrounded by the people and "in this period of summer repose, in the beauty of nature, to lift prayers to God."

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Opinions From Readers

Get Government Back In Role, Says Reader

To The Editor:
I agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Stacy Adams who wrote in a letter published July 31 concerning the necessity of curbing deficit spending. But I don't believe the blame for that condition should be placed at the feet of the working stiff seeking a fair share in the economic hassle.

The only thing wrong with the lumber and logging workers' strike is that, in my opinion, they've waited about four years too long to pull it. Their wage scale is extremely low, especially in the woods where the work is most dangerous.

Let's lay the blame for deficit spending where it belongs.

Foreign Aid Stopped

The No. 1 cause, in my opinion—and it's a racket—is foreign aid. People just don't seem to realize what a racket this is. The administrators of foreign aid are living off taxpayers' money. The administration of foreign aid is plagued with a lot of drones and would-be economists, many of whom were riding freight trains back in the '30's, and who don't give a hoot about their recipients. They merely wish to perpetuate their positions.

This, in many cases, means living at a deluxe hotel on a per diem account paid for by you and me, and the sole aim seems to be to keep the cookie crumbling their way.

The Mongolians, for example, are not interested in tractors or plows or socio-economics. They're more interested in how to get more yak milk from a yak.

Foreign aid costs us billions of dollars each year and most of it is needless expenditure, for our greatest recipients are chiefly communist satellites of puppet countries, such as Poland, Egypt, Yugoslavia, Italy, which doesn't have a communist government but does have a very large and active leftist party.

Speaking of the leftist party, we are at the crux of the matter.

Movement Relentless

There has been for many years in this country a quiet but relentless movement by communists to chisel away at our Constitution. We find this activity including members joining our State Department, Civil Service positions, some labor groups, some religious organizations, with some gaining power in our military services or teaching in many of our schools. These people, who are in positions that will allow them to do so, help influence government committees in our give-away programs.

To mention these situations in public places, especially before hard-core, dyed-in-the-wool Democrats, who don't even know what the word means, is to invite ridicule.

Honesty Needed

We must elect honest men to high office. We have many such men available. Then we have elected some men who lack courage to stick with the will of their constituents.

Germany went broke under the Social Democrats. The breakdown of that political theory paved the way for Hitler and his logic. France went broke under the Socialists.

The moral is, don't elect Labor to run the government. They may know how, no matter how much they profess to leave politics to those trained for it and who have no axe to grind other than seeing that we stay within the bounds of constitutional government.

Let labor run labor. Join a union. Go to meetings. By your attendance assure a quorum. If you don't like the person in the chair,

Comparison Poor

As far as the 43-cent dollar is concerned, I believe that the 1959 comparison. Most people only made two or three dollars a day, so they had what would equal seven to eleven dollars today. If we want to go back, we can go back to colonial times and use the barter system. Then, if a man was a drone he had nothing to barter. So he starved or got busy.

It's hard to make bacon and beans and watermelon keep long enough in storage to create any social security, so we would have to forego that phase. This is merely to illustrate that man has had a constant struggle to better his economic portion of the mass effort. Why go back?

Get the government back into the business of government! Get the government out of farming, aviation, shipping, (the U.S. lines which were once the Dollar Lines) insurance, banking and foreign welfare rackets. Let industry run industry, bankers run banks, journalists run newspapers, labor run labor and politicians run politics.

Deficit spending then will go its way and we'll all be happy.

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EDITOR'S NOTE — This communication is much longer than is normally permitted on this page. Long communications often must be delayed because of lack of space. This letter, however, is used because of the writer's challenging and somewhat controversial opinions, constituting material for serious consideration—CVS.

Farm 'Racket' Hit

The second great racket is the farm giveaway program.

Would Mr. Adams like to see the loggers and lumber workers get a 33-cent raise in wages distributed over the next three years, or have a dozen or more Billie Sol Estes exposed? Don't think that there's not a lot more boys in the farm racket yet.

When I say that the farm support program is a racket I'm not talking about Joe Blow on Looking-glass Lane with 15 or 20, or even 500, acres. I'm talking about those operators or corporations with thousands of acres each. They're the ones who can support the farm lobby for the purpose of perpetuation. If the tourists, while touring the country, would, as well as looking for Disneyland and "Jellystone Park" look for abandoned railroad depots, airplane hangars and other structures converted to surplus grain storage, along with thousands upon thousands of temporary silos, they might just get their dander riled. They might, in fact, write to their congressmen and demand some results to abolish this waste and provide some tax relief.

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In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

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