

Decision On Boohers Painful

Circuit Judge Charles Woodrich had a painful time reaching his decision this week that a young Curtin boy was in violation of the law because he was not attending Drain High School.

It wasn't a question of whether or not the law was being broken. That was fairly clear-cut. Rather it was an exemplification of one of the incurable imperfections in a law designed to give equal rights and protection to millions of people.

Every case has a little different twist, but most of them pretty well fall within the fairly broad limits of the law. But there's always a case where, in effect, an injustice results because the limits of the law cannot be extended further.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Boohor of Curtin, parents of the youth, are law-abiding, God-fearing people who had the strongest desire to serve both the laws of man and God. This was the source of the conflict. Their sincere feeling was—and is—that their religious convictions are in conflict with some of the teachings in the public school. They want their boy to have an education, but in harmony with their religious beliefs.

At the same time, they have no wish to break the law. Within the framework of the law, they tried to work out the problem. They went through the courts and made efforts to achieve a solution

which would be acceptable both to society and to themselves.

They weren't alone in trying to achieve that goal. The courts, Drain School Board, county school office and juvenile department were impressed with the Boohers' sincerity and wanted to work out an acceptable solution too.

The process started more than a year ago, and the Boohers were given that time to try to meet standards demanded by law under the compulsory school law. They were unable to do so despite sincere efforts. It was only then that the judge reluctantly ruled that despite the Boohers' strong beliefs, the boy's right to a public education must be served under the law.

This certainly doesn't cast a blot on the law. It is a good one designed for the great majority of youngsters who fail to attend school because of negligence, apathy or downright cussedness on the part of their parents. If their rights to an education weren't served, they would suffer the rest of their lives.

The law is for everybody, and like any standard it cannot possibly fit every case perfectly. Even the Boohers appear to recognize this.

They failed in the sense that they didn't achieve their immediate goal, but they added a new luster to the legal process by heaving to it as a guideline to an orderly society.

"Wipe Your Feet and For Heaven Sakes, Smile!"



The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Barnstorming Is Made Easy By Today's Speedy Travel

Pioneers who settled the West suffered great privation in covered wagon treks from jumping-off places in Kansas, Missouri and elsewhere. They consumed slow, painful, often tragic, months in plodding journeys. Some even failed to reach their goals before winter set in and perished in deep snows of mountain passes.

How amazed they would be if they could see travel as it is today!

A person using modern means of travel traverses in a matter of a few hours the miles that pioneers crossed only in months.

This almost incredible contrast is brought to mind in startling fashion by an itinerary from Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, who is to be in Oregon Oct. 11 and 12.

A large number of the first settlers in Oregon came from Kentucky. Six or eight months or even a year's elapsed time was required for those hardy and determined people to reach Oregon.

But Gov. Rockefeller will leave the airport at Louisville, Ky., at 3 p.m. on the 11th, and will land at Eugene at 5:30 p.m., both on daylight time, according to present plans.

Rockefeller and Sen. Barry Goldwater, both expected to be Republican primary candidates for the office of President of the United States, are coming to Oregon. Political observers are virtually unanimous in their opinions that talks by the two men in Eugene are exceedingly important "feelers" in the political arena.

Aside from the political aspect, however, is the time factor involved in travel; the contrast between the slow and dangerous covered wagon, and the modern jet airplane which flies in a few hours territory that took months to be covered by those who first saved the Oregon Territory for the United States.

Rockefeller, according to his itinerary, will leave New York at 9 a.m. on the 11th. Will speak at 11:30 a.m. at French Lick, and, at a noon meeting, will drive back to Louisville, departing at 3 p.m.

From Eugene, he will go to Village Green Motel to spend the night. Will hold a press conference in Eugene Saturday morning, after which he will attend a reception and a Republican Western Conference luncheon at 11:30. Will speak at 12:15 p.m., then attend the football game between U. of O. and Idaho. He will leave the Eugene airport at 3:30 p.m. and will get back to his home in New York sometime around midnight.

Shades of Ezra Meeker!

Reds Aren't Shy
In past years the Reds have not been backward about boasts of their advances in the fields of steel plating and factory construction.

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Embarrassing Moments
"Life's Embarrassing Moments" provides writers with a good many amusing anecdotes.

Bob Duncan, congressman from Oregon's Fourth Congressional district, tells one on himself in a current news letter.

The way Duncan reports it, he had accepted an invitation from the Secretary of Agriculture to be a guest at a luncheon in honor of the Japanese Minister of Agriculture, who was being honored in the national capital.

But, as so many of us do, Duncan forgot his engagement. Busy with congressional details, he was hard at work in his office when his secretary reminded him it was time for him to be on his way.

The Oregon congressman, suddenly awakened to the fact that he was expected to attend a formal lunch, realized he was improperly dressed for the occasion. He had on a corduroy jacket, a plaid vest.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 10, 1923

The 1924 Douglas County budget made no provision for a special court house fund, as recommended by a special committee of taxpayers and by several grand juries, nor did it pay back \$10,000 which was borrowed by the county court for the North Umpqua Road. Plans had been in the making at that time for raising funds to construct a new court house.

25 YEARS AGO

Oct. 10, 1938

An unidentified flier, believed to have been piloting an army plane, had a miraculous escape from death when his ship struck and cut the 120,000-volt power line between Dixonville and Sutherlin and flew away, apparently undamaged. The ship, flying at a low elevation and following the North Umpqua River, struck the line shearing three two-nought copper cables each .37 milles in diameter, and carried off more than 200 feet of telephone lines.

10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 10, 1953

Announcement was made that perfection of an experimental polio vaccine has come to a point justifying inauguration of plans for nationwide vaccination tests on hundreds of thousands of children, perhaps as early as 1954. It is the vaccine whose development first was announced in 1952 by Dr. Jonas E. Salk of the University of Pittsburgh, working under a March of Dimes grant.

SUSPICION OF INFIDELITY

OPORTO, Portugal (UPI)—Police said today they had arrested a 71-year-old man who fatally stabbed his wife, 64, on suspicion of infidelity. The couple's names were not released.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Air Raid Siren Avoids Question

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI)— Soon or later, if you are the father of growing children, there will come a time when they will start asking you delicate questions.

If you are an experienced father, you will handle the matter in one of the following ways:
You will say "sorry, I haven't time to answer that now. I think we're having an air raid." Or you will say "that's a good question. Why don't you go ask your mother?"

There may be moments, however, when all escape hatches are closed. Such was the case at my house some time ago when my daughter, who is teetering on the brink of 13, became curious about something she saw on television.

Faced Tough Job
Her mother was not at home at the time and there wasn't an airplane in the sky. So, back to the wall, I found myself trying to explain Frank Sinatra.

Whenever you are explaining Sinatra to a pre-teenage you have to choose your words very carefully. Otherwise, you might say something that will cause her in later life to turn against baritone tones.

On this evening, Sinatra was appearing as a guest star on somebody's program and my daughter was puzzled by the conversation he was having with the host.

"Why do they keep asking him about girls?" she said. "He looks like he is almost as old as you are."

"I like to think," I replied, "that women still find me attractive."

"Don't make jokes," she said. "I'm serious. Every time I see him on television they're kidding him about girls. It doesn't make sense."

Go For Sinatra
"Why not?" said. "Many girls go for Sinatra in a big way."
"You're putting me on."
"No I'm not. It's true. Ask your mother when she gets back. She goes for Sinatra."

"I'm talking about girls," my daughter said. "I don't know a single girl in my class who thinks he's cool."
"Listen," I said. "I can remember when girls your age used to line up for blocks to get in a

Scholarships Announced
EUGENE (UPI)— The Oregon Law School Alumni Association Tuesday announced the award of six \$330 scholarships to first-year law students at the University of Oregon.

The winners are Jem B. Cornett, La Grande; Forrest J. Gatheneat, Junction City; John Kneeland, Portland; Wendell J. Smith, Klamath Falls; Leslie M. Swanson Jr., Portland, and Christopher E. Taaffe, Los Altos, Calif.

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Peter Edson --

Big Rights Push Ready

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — A massive, nation-wide campaign reaching a climax Thanksgiving weekend is being planned by the March on Washington leaders to pressure Congress for passage of strong civil rights legislation this year.

Local campaigns will be concentrated on states and districts represented by perhaps 100 congressmen whose position on civil rights reform is considered doubtful.

Delegations of 15 to 20 local citizens will be brought to the Capitol to sit in the galleries while civil rights debate is on and key votes are being taken.

Meetings will be sought with congressmen in their own districts, especially during Thanksgiving weekend.

In announcing these plans after an all-day meeting of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in Washington, its chairman, Roy Wilkins, declared there would be no sit-ins at congressmen's offices.

Wilkins also opposed plans for a nationwide boycott of Christmas shopping.

"We have used boycotts against specific merchants effectively," he said. "If this is scattered to the 50 states, it will lose its power."

On this day in history: In 1845, the U. S. Naval Academy was formally opened at Fort Severn, Annapolis.

In 1911, Chinese revolutionaries overthrew the Manchu dynasty. In 1913, President Woodrow Wilson pressed a button in Washington which caused the last remaining obstruction in the Panama Canal to be blown up.

In 1953, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was sworn in as president of China on the 32nd anniversary of the founding of the republic.

A thought for the day — The English novelist, Jane Austen, said: "Those who do not complain are never pitied."

Northwest Wheat Poised For Reds

SEATTLE (UPI)—Eight-thousand carloads of wheat—about 30 shiploads—are sitting on railroad sidings in Oregon and Washington, possibly in anticipation of an announcement by President Kennedy that this nation will sell wheat to Russia.

J. H. Hanson, farm director for station KOMO, Seattle, said the bulk of the wheat is on Union Pacific tracks between Portland, Ore., and the Oregon-Idaho border.

However, Hanson said, dealers and shippers were mum regarding the destination of the wheat, but it was believed generally that the grain was shipped into the Pacific Northwest for quick export overseas on the theory that the sales to Russia would be approved.

However, grain dealers here pointed out that wheat was short in nearly all world markets this fall and even if this particular wheat did not go to Russia, it probably would be sold to other nations.

JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE
DOWNHAM, England (UPI)— The Rev. Cecil H. Buckingham, Anglican vicar of St. Barabas Church, held his second annual harvest festival service Sunday night in the nearby Downham tavern, in the neighborhood pub.

"If the people won't come to us, we will go to them," the vicar said. "So many people have the idea that those who go to church are a bit queer. We aim to show them we are just ordinary people."

SETTLES SUIT

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Actress Cyd Charisse has settled for an undisclosed amount a \$14,000 suit against 20th Century-Fox Film Corp. charging she was not fully paid for her role in the movie "Something's Got To Give." It was learned today.

The actress, who also named Claude Productions, Inc. in her court action, claimed she was promised \$50,000 for her part in the picture but was paid only \$36,000.

News Analysis



Is Red China Changing Coats?

By PHIL NEWSOM

Among those assigned to watch the twists and turns of Communist foreign policy there is at present a wonder whether Red China is making some attempt to change her image as the great advocate of war.

The speculation arises from a statement last Sept. 18 by Liu Shao-chi, president of Communist China and Mao Tsetung's chosen successor. Visiting North Korea, he said:

"It is impermissible for any socialist country to be the first to use nuclear weapons under any circumstances."

The speculation received further impetus from a speech delivered by Peking Mayor Peng Chen at a parade marking the 14th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Republic.

He said world war could be prevented through united effort and "concerted struggle" by the peoples of the world, including those of the United States.

Both statements seemed designed to cast a different light on Chinese foreign policy which has held that force is the only means of settling differences with the Western world and that in the event of nuclear war it would be the Communists who would inherit the earth.

Since previous attempts over the last 20 years to forecast day-to-day turns of Communist policy have been markedly unsuccessful, it would be a mistake now to take statements by even two such high officials to mean that Red China is changing its coat.

But as items of temporary expediency they may have some meaning.

This stems from what is known of Red China's own internal situation.

Red China's "great leap forward" in 1958, with its emphasis on heavy industry was a known failure.

Official statements, reports in Chinese newspapers and the accounts of travellers coming out of Red China all indicate that the present darlings of the Chinese bosses are agriculture and light industry in that order.

Since heavy industry is recognized as the key to any nation's ability to wage all-out war, this would mean that Red China is moving away from the possibility of any immediate threat to world peace.

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Forecasters searched their records, wondering when, if ever, a hurricane had hammered so long at a single area.

From Washington:
The Soviet Union, for the first time, has indicated to the U. S. government that it is interested in buying between \$150 million and \$200 million worth of wheat. "Informed sources" said last night that this apparently represents the first DIRECT offer from the Russians to buy American wheat. Previous Russian overtures had been made through purchasing agents to private American wheat traders.

High administration "sources" believe a Presidential decision on the sale may come within the next day or so — or, at the latest, by the end of the week.

More from Washington:
While it has been known that the Soviet bloc was having agricultural production trouble, the size of the Russian grain purchases from the free world has caused considerable surprise. These purchases have been EXTREMELY COSTLY to the Soviets.

The Soviet government has been SELLING GOLD to help pay for the wheat. This gold costs Russia an estimated \$60 or \$70 an ounce to produce. But it brings only \$35 an ounce when it is sold abroad.

Which is to say:
Every time Russia sells an ounce of gold she loses about \$35—the difference between what it costs her to produce it and what she gets for it.

And:
Every time the United States gets an ounce of Russian gold, or its equivalent in foreign exchange,

—In The Day's News—

By FRANK JENKINS

Big question:
Why is Russia doing what she is doing?

The LOGICAL answer to that question is that Communist Russia isn't quite so ALL POWERFUL as she has been claiming to be. That, if true, is VERY interesting.

Three Held In Beating Of Beaverton Doctor
PORTLAND (UPI)—Three young men are being held in connection with the beating of a Beaverton doctor on a Washington County road last week.

Richard Yarbrough, 20; Harveta Harris, 19; and Tiny Adams Jr., 19, all of Portland, were picked up by local police Tuesday following an investigation by Portland and Washington County authorities.

Dr. Richard Bernard, 38, Beaverton, was on a hunting trip when he stepped to aid two men who flagged him down. The doctor said they drove to a pickup truck which contained a third man and that they then beat him.

Dr. Bernard was rendered unconscious, but later walked about two miles to find help. He was hospitalized several days in Portland.

The doctor's station wagon and hunting rifle were found later in separate locations in Portland.

Washington County authorities said the trio had been charged with assault with intent to kill and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon with ball set at \$15,000 each.

All three are Negroes.

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