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Let Us Be Thankful For Small Majorities

THERE is a lesson to be learned from Canada. Wednesday morning's Oregonian carried the story of the flight of some \$6,000,000 from the banks of Alberta, Canada, because of fear in the hearts of anti-social creditors that Premier Aberhart, "The Christ From Calgary," will attach bank holdings in order that he might carry out his campaign promises to pay "social dividends" to every citizen of the province.

The story emanated from the Calgary Herald, Aberhart's most blatant opposition newspaper, and could not be substantiated, but it was made the subject for an editorial in the Portland paper yesterday.

It is because of stories such as this that Premier Aberhart, head of the first social credit government in the world, which, in its promise to pay sums to every citizen regardless of the work he engages in, resembles the Townsend O. A. R. P. plan, has forewarned the opposition papers that he will "crack down" on them in the near future.

IN such a reasonable fashion are dictatorships crystallized. Premier Aberhart, the radio orating preacher, magnetic, burly, has control of 55 seats in the legislature's 64. A small but vociferous minority, including the wealthy property-owners, are daily growing bolder in their attacks on the government, most of them launched through the newspapers. And in direct ratio, William Aberhart has grown angrier and angrier at the misleading stories that have appeared about his speeches and

past life, in the daily press. He terms it, and with some justice, a program of derogation planned by the "capitalists and money lenders" for the wealth he has taken from them by recent legislation. Rather logical then, that he should endeavor to shackle the press. At present that is his aim. Whether he can do it remains to be seen. He says he can. The opposition declares he cannot.

THE lesson we in the United States may learn from what is happening to the north of us is to fear an overwhelming vote for any one party. It is almost a truism that a government in which the parties are well-balanced has far less opportunity to enact radical legislation than one in which the opposition is of negligible size. Thus, it should be with something of a feeling of thanksgiving that we look forward to an election this year, which, from all signs, will result in an extremely well-balanced lineup of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Annie's at It Again

EVIDENTLY recovered from the blast of editorial rebukes that greeted his last sally into the field of social thought, Harold Gray, author of "Orphan Annie," is at it again.

Last year, largely because he depicted labor leaders as shaggy-maned bomb-throwers and otherwise demonstrated his social backwardness, Gray became fair game for liberal editors. Chastened, he set Annie ministering to a kindly old cobbler. But now again, after a year's service as a paragon for small children, he has put Annie to pondering the fate of people and nations.

Last week the precocious child soliloquized over the political tangle abroad; this week she turned her tousled head to the domestic situation, clucking over the boom-dogging of a crew of street workers.

It looks as though Harold is building himself up for an awful knock-down.

Wanted: An Alma Mater Song

"MIGHTY Oregon," however excellent a song it is and however thrilling it is to hear it rise from hundreds of student voices, is certainly not an alma mater song, whatever idea one may get from its words. And the recent ruckus over its copyright should remind us of that oversight in our kit-bag of traditions—we don't have an alma mater song.

"Mighty Oregon" is a fine swinging battle song to hearten Oregon teams, but it is lacking in the beauty and dignity that some situations demand. For instance it would be almost comic to break out into its lusty chords at some of the ceremonial functions connected with college life, such as at commencement exercises.

WHAT we want is a tender song properly festooned with the ivy of old Oregon, something of a hymn, something with a pull to it. But it's easier to say than do.

"I could sit down and write a fugue, a sonata or a symphony with a measure of self-assurance, but I could never sit purposefully down to the composition of an alma mater song," declared John J. Landsbury, dean of the school of music. "A song of that sort comes in a rare flash of inspiration."

Some day, let us hope, someone will have that flash of inspiration.

According to a letter in the Oregon State Beaver editorial column, there's trouble in Paradise. Among the letters to the editor was a heart-rending account of the efforts of the hard-hearted dormitory janitors to separate the dorm boys from their constant companions. The boys felt that the injustice about to be visited upon their friends who share the dorms—yes, even their beds—would be too great to bear. After a valiant plea the boys ended, "And Oh G-d. How we love those BEDBUGS. Yours truly, 'Werra Scratchen.'"

In a recent edition of Current History magazine, W. Walter Crotch wondered if Austria might go democratic. It seems that Hitler and Mussolini are eliminating that probability, although neither have openly decided what the former Hapsburg nation will become.

Russia Becoming

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The University of Oregon law professor, after discovering the point of issue in the case, asked what punishment was to be meted out to the old man when and if he was found guilty. The only satisfaction received from his inquiry was from his own conclusions, which he prefers to keep to himself, for the Russian reply was that nothing was to be done to the defendant in any case. No satisfactory explanation of the purpose of the trial was given.

The Czar's palace, just outside Leningrad, which the Russians declare to be preserved in every detail just as it was immediately after the royal family had been seized and taken from it, was an object of wonder to the critical tourist from America. Placed about in the spacious rooms, with no attempt at symmetry or beautification, were trinkets of every imaginable description. Mr. Hollis relates, Russian guides point to the disordered array as proof of the Romanoff mental state.

In the Czarina's boudoir especially, the walls were fairly plastered with pictures clipped from magazines, photographs, and the like—and above her bed, more than a hundred icons fastened to the wall.

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cerning the Russian system, there are definite wage scales for workers in USSR factories, and resultant class lines are necessarily drawn up. At the Metropole hotel in Moscow, Hollis noticed some of the higher-paid workers drinking champagne and otherwise dining in first-class fashion.

A perfect example of the atmosphere of regimentation one breathes in Russia might be taken from another incident which the American visitor saw. Stopping to investigate a long line of Soviet men and women waiting along the sidewalk on a Moscow street corner, Mr. Hollis was amazed to find that they "were waiting for a street car" and when the car arrived, to see them file onto the loading platform in their respective waiting order.

Women are everywhere working street-sweepers being no less comely by side with the men, female more than male, Professor Hollis recalled. At the stations, female porters may carry your bags for you, and in the factories the same arrangement will be found.

A visitor from Nippon says the Japanese are becoming intensely interested in American affairs. So are we. It may be a fact.—Senator Soaper. If he were alive, Jesse James would be 90 years old this year and totally unable to explain his longevity.

Dean Landsbury

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reminds the visitor of slum districts in America's industrial centers, he continued. Picturesque native houses have been replaced by smelly shacks. Occupying them are shiftless beggars, vagabonds. Plumbing is unknown. Social diseases run unchecked. The shipping of copra is the only industry aside from the feeble attempts to accommodate tourists.

Women Prepare

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Janet Smith Recording Angel of Job Seekers

Indicative of the value of the service granted students by the University of Oregon employment office under the skilled hand of Miss Janet Smith is the fact that in the past ten days over 1100 students have been personally interviewed by Miss Smith in regard to their special abilities and individual problems of employment, and over 300 students have been given actual employment in the past week alone.

The employment secretary, who regards 150 student applications per day as "just part of my job" and subsequently takes a personal interest in each student entering her office, has for three years, uncovered, discovered, and generally produced jobs where they never before existed.

With the majority of U. of O. students either wholly or partly self-supporting the task of procuring the many types of work necessary is truly herculean. Among the latest work applications filed in the employment office is that of a powder man experienced in dynamite work, an especially trained nursery man and tree surgeon, and numerous musicians of all categories from piccolo players to pipe organists.

Besides the many applications from trained nurses, professional bakers, experienced meat cutters, hotel workers of all types, telephone operators, loggers, and chauffeurs which pour into this mecca of job seekers and given attention in the inner sanctum, there are NYA applicants by the score. All of these latter students are furnished proper blanks and instructed in their use by Mrs. Dorris McMurtry, secretary to Miss Smith, who acts as a flood-gate controlling the insistent tide of employment seekers.

Houses Paired

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"Although there are many angles that can be worked out from the theme, homecoming, we must not forget that the Ducks are playing the Cougars on that weekend," Terry asserted.

House representatives are asked to meet at the College Side Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock to make further plans for the event.

Sorority and fraternity houses as they pair off are:

- Phi Delta Theta, Pi Beta Phi; Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Kappa; Sigma Phi Epsilon, Hendricks hall; Theta Chi, Alpha Delta Pi; Pi Kappa Alpha, Zeta Tau Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Delta Delta; Chi Psi, Chi Omega; Phi Sigma Kappa, Alpha Phi; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Gamma Phi Beta; Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Chi Omega; Beta Theta Pi, Susan Campbell; Zeta Hall, Carnard house; Alpha hall, Sigma hall; Men's Co-op, Women's Co-op; Sigma Nu, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Sigma Chi, Kappa Alpha Theta; Delta Upsilon, Alpha Omicron Pi; Phi Sigma Kappa, Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Sigma, Delta Gamma.

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Fraternities

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the matter under consideration only since Thursday's meeting, were reserved in supporting the idea. Apparently waiting to discover the general trend of opinion, six houses tentatively voiced approval. Two did not comment, while presidents of other organizations could not be reached last night to confirm rumors of support or dissent.

A preliminary vote taken at the meeting Thursday evening indicated eight favorable, three against, and six not voting until their members had been consulted. It is believed that at least one of the three who were against the plan, and three of the doubtful ones, have decided in favor of it. Definite decisions will be made early next week, when the subject has been broached at house meetings of the 17 fraternities.

Contributions from the campus living organizations would total approximately \$1000, according to the plan suggested Thursday. With this added financial backing, the secretary could be amply taken care of, according to Dean Virgil Earl, who said that the alumni association would take care of the balance.

As soon as the financial backing of the position is assured, applicants for the secretaryship will be gone over by the alumni committee consisting of Dean J. H. Gilbert, chairman, Dean Earl, Lynn McCready, and Arthur Geary. Twelve or thirteen candidates have already applied for the job, according to Dean Earl, who said that no definite candidate has been designated.

Appointment of the secretary does not necessarily depend upon the support of the fraternities, according to the most positive men are the most credulous.—Pope.

Sociology Head Says Field Holds Vocation Future

Dr. Philip A. Parsons, head of the sociology department, opened the first meeting of Alpha Kappa Delta, national sociology honorary, Thursday with a discussion of the vocational opportunities now open to sociology students.

More and more, the need will be for thoroughly trained persons with administrative ability, since the establishment of government agencies under the social security act, and with other governmental trends, he said at the meeting.

Following the discussion of the points brought out by Dr. Parsons, a short business meeting was held in which officers for the coming year were nominated; a tentative program was outlined by the president, Helen Harriman; and committee appointments were made. The initiation date for new members was set for October 14 and election of officers will be held October 22.

Those nominated are: Helen Harriman and Wilbur E. Moore, president; Alma Lou Herman and Orpha Dasch, vice-president; and Polly Lou Todd, secretary-treasurer.

Graduates Accompany Guggenheim Expedition

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Nice, both graduates of the University of Oregon, sailed the latter part of September for Persia. The former residents of Eugene will spend the next nine to twelve months accompanying the Guggenheim Archaeological survey group which will attempt a complete archaeological investigation of Persia.

Robert Van Nice, who received his degree from the school of architecture in 1935, has spent the past year in Boston. Mrs. Van Nice is the former Betty Rebec, daughter of Dean Rebec of the graduate division and head of the department of philosophy.

Marion Veatch Democratic Candidate for Coroner

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