

Let's Wait Awhile

Taxpayers of Oregon are again being asked to consider a bonus payment to the state's World War II veterans. The latest proposal is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and would cost the state approximately \$550,000,000.

In the form of a bill which the VFW hopes to get introduced into the state legislature at Salem, the proposal would provide for bonus payments at the rate of \$10 for each month of service in the United States and \$15 for each month overseas between December 1, 1941 and December 1, 1946.

The question of bonuses is extremely touchy.

When voters in the state elections last November defeated a bonus measure similar to the one now under consideration, many veterans naturally felt that an ungrateful public had "forgotten" them.

No doubt many who oppose bonuses HAVE forgotten the vet and his sacrifices. (Or never gave a damn about him in the first place.) However, we believe that many others opposing bonus payments at the present time do so on more rational grounds and for unselfish reasons.

The country is at present in a highly inflationary period. At a time when wise heads are bending efforts to halt the mounting cost-of-living spiral the introduction of additional money into circulation would be like using gasoline to put out a fire.

It can also be argued logically that the taxpayer's dollar in this state is desperately needed at present for education, road-building, and other such items necessary to meet the state's mushrooming population. A bonus payment could seriously curtail Oregon's various expansion programs.

Therefore we urge the state legislature to postpone action on any bonus legislation until a more favorable time.

With the Legislators

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Salem

The Oregon senate gave unanimous approval yesterday to a bill to permit Governor McKay to take emergency steps to relieve the power shortage.

The bill, which now goes to the house where speedy approval is expected, would let the governor declare an emergency during a power shortage. This, in turn, would authorize the public utilities commissioner to allocate power, regulate the distribution, and force any person or firm to cut down on the use of power.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland Democrat, sponsor of the bill, quoted public utilities commissioner George H. Flagg as saying "rationing on a voluntary basis won't work."

The house got three proposed constitutional amendments to give the legislature more taxing power, to tighten up the initiative process, and to make it harder to get school bond issues passed.

One measure would let the legislature pass tax measures containing emergency clauses by a two-thirds vote. This means that if two thirds of the legislature voted for a tax bill, the referendum could not be applied to it.

The second measure would require eight per cent of the signatures of all registered voters before an initiative could be put on the ballot. The requirement now is eight per cent of the number that voted for supreme court justice at the preceding election.

The third measure would prevent a school bond issue from going into effect unless 25 per-

cent of all the registered voters in the district approve it. Now such bond issues can be approved by a mere handful of votes, just so that the majority of those voting approve it.

The measures would appear on the next general election ballot.

Washington

The administration yesterday delayed telling congress what it wants in a new labor law.

Secretary of Labor Tobin had arranged to give the senate labor committee a blueprint this morning, but the meeting was postponed "until further notice."

Tobin had been called as the first witness at public hearings on proposals to repeal the Taft-Hartley law. The committee has decided to end the hearings Feb. 10 despite protests of Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and other Republicans.

President Truman already has told congress he wants the Taft-Hartley law repealed and the Wagner act restored with "certain improvements."

The air force threw full support behind President Truman's 48-group air force plan but said the strength should be increased to 70 groups when the nation can afford the extra expense.

The endorsement came from Air Secretary Symington, who testified before the house armed services committee. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, air force chief of staff, said the 48 group force would cost between \$4,500,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000, compared with \$7,500,000,000 for a 70-group establishment.

Porchlight Parade

By Ed Cauduro

The **Beaux Arts Ball** has been cancelled . . . Thereby adding its name to the list of campus functions that have felt the blunt of the administrations axe.

The ball is the annual fiasco sponsored by the Art School at which both profs and students join in the merry making . . . it was an event anticipated by the old student and the young frosh alike . . . a 'time to relax, free from inhibitions, just having a terrific time.

The reason for its scratching might be termed as the "cold" war . . . the University has refused to heat the building which was scheduled to house the affair Saturday nite . . . Things can't be that rough . . . maybe we ought to try an airlift for Eugene . . .

3:30 at Taylor's will be the lucky time and place in AXO Virginia Mahon's book for a long time to come . . . that marks the event of her pinning to Sig Nu Forrest Hedges . . .

Maybe Sig Ep Bob Richardson, psych major, used applied psychology when he pinned Alpha Xi Dee Williams, but he looked definitely maladjusted when his brothers transported him to her sorority via mattress . . .

Watziz about Judy Bailey proving to be cupid's menace at the Theta house by water-bagging the lovers when they come in from their dates . . . understand it's dampened many a romantic mood . . .

Word has gotten around that the Schmoos by name of Captain Marvel Jr. that ASUO Prexy Bob Allen of the Skull house, has been cuddling while in the infirmary was the cause of his being there . . . but he's one man who will never be lonesome . . . seems Alpha Phi Jean Lichty has practically taken up permanent residence at the pill palace since Bob's accident . . .

Understand Chi O Marge "all in a dither" Peterson and ATO Gene Kuzman have roped themselves off a small section of the Chi O back porch . . . Seems that though Dick Brown doesn't know much about the game Monopoly he's a demon when it comes to monopolizing Sigma Kappa Kaydo Stryker's time . . .

Wonder who DZ Lou Weston has been calling up these days . . . her phone calls to men aren't all political I hear . . . The Pi Phis were greeted as they came in from dates the other PM by a skunk (any similarity between persons living or going to Oregon is purely incidental) . . . seems some prankster eager to gain favor with the jolly girls tacked a potent kitten to their already famous door . . .

As Valentines day draws near Dan Cupid has sharpened his sharp-shooting with a little practice on a few Ducks . . . Thetas report a score of bull's eyes with Petie Fortmiller announcing her engagement to K Sig Bob Newman and Gloria Aguer dittoing to Sig Bill O'Hearn . . . DZ Casey Hyde was the happy recipient of a sparkler from Hank "Whiskers" Chaney and Pi Phi Carol Vowels is showing everyone her ring courtesy of K Sig Jack Baker . . .

Well, that's about all the pick-ins from the vine today . . . remember to invite Pop down for his weekend in that next letter . . .

Raising Kane Columnist Answers His Critic; Returns to Humor Next Week

By Hank Kane

This is the first and last time this column will be used to answer polemics.

But Communists and their sympathizers for too long have had the last word because those attacked in print by them usually refuse the compliment of public notice.

It is amazing what can be deduced from the column of less than 600 words which appeared in Wednesday's Emerald.

A student whose letter appeared Friday, evidently has such a strong persecution complex. He turned a restrained account of prevailing public opinion on the subject of campus leftist activities into a fire and brimstone sermon.

Well, fire and brimstone it shall be.

At the risk of disillusioning our campus comrade this columnist must admit having read the first 77 pages of Marx's "Capital." It belonged to a CCNY student acquaintance and was hidden behind the book jacket of Durant's "Life of Christ."

Not having the intelligence of our correspondent I found it somewhat dull.

In commenting upon the removal of two "Stars & Stripes" editors for distorting the news, we were unaware this explained American occupation policy.

Bardnard Rubin was one of the two editors removed. At present he is a reporter on the "Daily



Worker," the New York Communist daily. A man like that who supported policies of Russia, which by word and act, is our enemy, had no place on a non-political army newspaper.

It is difficult to fulfill our letter writer's expectations by "Denouncing the American Revolution . . . (because) . . . only a one-third majority of colonists held and fought for the dogma of independence."

This percentage equals today's Americans who vote in a presidential election.

Would one of the "historians" quoted be Howard Fast, another "Daily Worker" staffer?

By some obscure process of logic our Progressive party stalwart considers this columnist a failure as a "self-appointed un-American activities committee of one." Now that we are for the first time made aware of our intentions it may be fitting to live up to expectations and ask a \$64 question. It must be answered with a "yes" or "no" without verbose objections or qualifications.

Here goes: In the event of hostilities between the United States and Russia would you bear arms in good faith to defend the United States?

Unless a man is a conscientious objector or answers with a flat "yes," a "no," a qualified reply, or one made with tongue in cheek marks him on the side of the Russians who in the past six months indirectly caused the death of over ten Americans flying the Berlin airlift.

It is entirely possible that some of those killed were reservists called back to serve from college, (Please turn to page seven)

From Our Mailbag

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(All letters to the editor must bear the writer's signature. Names will be withheld at the writer's request. Because of space limitations the editor reserves the right to withhold such communications as he sees fit. All letters should be concise and to the point. The editor of the Emerald solicits opinions and constructive criticism from both students and faculty members of the University of Oregon.)

NOT GUILTY

To the Editor:

After reading "G.J.'s" little gripe, it would appear that an explanation should be given this justifiable complaint.

First, as to the commission the Senior Class is suspected of getting from the florists of Eugene, I can say you are twelve feet off base. This is absolutely not true, and would be a low type of graft if it were practiced.

Second, the man in charge of the advertising got carried away, and I was surprised to find my name endorsing the purchasing of flowers, the authorization of which I had not given and would not have given under any circumstances.

Third, the "optional" angle to flowers is supposed to mean optional and just that—coercion has never been part of the word, so feel that the only determining factor is your ability to pay, and think no more of the matter.

So, "G.J.," you are not alone, for I was also placed on the flower purchaser's list, because my name had endorsed it.

Robin Arkley,
Senior Class President, 49

STUDENTS' RIGHTS

To the Editor:

In all the uproar which has followed the suspension of the Washington professor for Com-

munist activities, something has apparently been overlooked by the sincere proponents of academic freedom, who feel, and justly so, that the suspended professors had a right to whatever views they chose to express.

One of the causes of the investigation at the University of Washington was the complaint of some of the students there, that the professors were not giving them the right to hold THEIR own views. It seems to me that the student's right to his own views is at least as great as that of the professors. And yet under some of the professors in question, the student's "social attitude" was made a factor in determining the grade he received in the course.

I believe that to a great extent these professors are not suffering from having chosen to think as they pleased, but from not having allowed the students to think as they pleased. It is an unkind trait of Communists, that they are willing to take all the advantages given them, but are unwilling to concede the same advantages to those under their control. I think this can be verified in some degree by reports from various Communist controlled activities, both here and abroad, no matter how much the reports may be colored by "reactionary" propaganda.

A student who disagrees with what his professor thinks, at least as regards his social views, should (Please turn to page eight)

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