

## Would Make Everybody Happy

The junior college issue is in the spotlight again. A bill introduced in the Oregon house Monday would make Vanport college extension center in Portland a permanent junior college.

Introduction of this bill throws a different light on the state board's decision concerning the issue. In its report issued last week, the state board advised against the establishment of a junior college at present, citing the need for emergency construction on other campuses. The board felt that present needs should be met before any new projects were undertaken.

The new bill, which was introduced by Portland Republican Rudie Wilhelm, Jr., would authorize the state board of higher education to spend \$1,200,000 to get a permanent building for the school. It could either build or buy.

No decrease in other building activities is proposed as in the bill introduced by Senator Richard L. Newberger. His bill for a junior college in Portland would halt building on other campuses until the Portland school is completed.

Portland needs a junior college. Oregon's present state institution campuses need immediate improvements. With the introduction of the new bill, the problem for both sides can be solved. Building on present sites would proceed as per schedule and the junior college, now Vanport college extension center, would be established on a permanent basis.

Students at Vanport indicated their approval of the idea. John Kelly, student council representative, appeared before the Portland city council Wednesday asking that the city council approve the establishment and maintenance of Vanport as a permanent junior college. The students estimate that this move would result in an approximate saving of 50 per cent for themselves and the tax payers.

Continuance of Vanport as a junior college would be a definite step forward in Oregon education. With the increased enrollment in the state system schools, it would help relieve the crowded conditions.

The junior college would give Portland students who could not afford to go to an out of city state institution or a private Portland school, a chance to have two years of college and an opportunity to live at home and work at the same time. D.D.

## With the Legislators

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Salem

A proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the death penalty in Oregon was introduced yesterday by the senate state affairs committee.

The measure was requested by the Oregon Prison association and six other organizations.

The governor's emergency power bill was back in the senate utilities committee yesterday afternoon after a maze of parliamentary maneuvering in both houses.

The bill, which would let the governor declare an emergency during a power shortage and let the public utilities commissioner allocate power, had been approved unanimously by the senate and 47 to 9 by the house.

The utilities committee will consider objections to the bill by people's utility districts and the Reynolds Aluminum company. "The PUD's don't want any state regulation, and the Reynolds company fears it might lose some of its power to the private power companies.

The house wanted to work the bill over, too, but the senate had a priority since it is a senate bill.

### Washington

Senator Morse (R-Ore) declared in the tumultuous senate Labor Committee session Thursday that the administration labor bill "hasn't a ghost of a chance" as it is now written.

Morse said "a lot of compromises must be made," and added: "Labor is not going to write this ticket. It is going to be writ-

ten by the counting noses in the Senate. The votes are not there today to pass this bill."

For more than two hours, the senators had engaged in hot argument over the measure.

Across the capital, meantime, a resolution to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and reinstate the old Wagner Labor Relations act without any changes was approved 7 to 5 by a house labor subcommittee.

Rep. Kelley (D-Pa.) subcommittee chairman, said it will be considered by the full committee some time next week. The subcommittee vote was on straight party lines.

The subcommittee said:

"The most feasible approach in repealing the Taft-Hartley law is to incorporate an outright repeal bill with a provision restoring the Wagner act in one bill, and then a subsequent measure using the old Wagner act as the basic law for amendments."

President Truman expressed opposition yesterday to the exemption of any departments or agencies if congress gives him authority to reorganize the government.

He told a news conference he thought the president's hands should not be tied by any exemptions.

His remarks were prompted by a question as to whether he agreed that the Interstate Commerce commission, the Federal Communication commission, the Securities Exchange commission and the Federal Reserve should be exempted.

### A DELICATE PROBLEM

To the Editor:

It is interesting to note the kind of unsigned letters sent to the editor. There is often ample reason for the author to feel ashamed. Others appear to have no reason for shame.

Admitting the real possibility that Mr. Kane's reasoning may be somewhat faulty, there is absolutely no excuse for the kind of raking over which he has been getting. It seems to be a favorite trick of some to attempt to discredit a man's basic idea by extending some of his example to asinine lengths, by the use of heavy sarcasm, and by uncomplimentary remarks.

Name calling doesn't do any

good; it not only shows lack of good taste on the writer's part, but it clouds the issue.

The question of freedom of thought in academic circles (or anywhere else for that matter) is an extremely delicate problem to which there is no easy answer.

Whether or not a person is fit to teach in an institution of higher learning or, more explicitly, whether or not he has a right to citizenship in this country can in part be answered by a question so well put by Mr. Kane a week or so ago: namely, Will he or will he not fight on our side in the event of a war with Russia?

Obviously, to determine the answer to this question is the catch. There are a number of ways of

finding an indication. The answers to a number of questions of the following type will serve to indicate the answer:

Does he follow the communist trends as indicated by Moscow or are his beliefs independent of Russian acrobatics?

Does he believe in the immediate or eventual overthrow of our government, by force if necessary, or does he believe that any change must come gradually through the due processes already set up in our country?

Does he seek to destroy the basic ideas behind our form of government or does he believe that they are intrinsically right?

There appear certain difficulties the most obvious of which is that the answers must be arrived at by observation rather than direct questioning.

In defense of University of Washington President Allen, I might suggest that a careful investigation will show that a Russian communist is incompetent to teach the truth because he is psychologically incapable of teaching the truth. In other words, whether he knows it or not, in order for him to hold to the Russian communist line, he is literally forced to distort his impressions of his surrounding and to admit of no other possible ideologies.

I have found it necessary to make a distinction by using the term "Russian communist." I feel that a man might very well be called a "communist" because of certain views he holds and yet be perfectly loyal to the American way of life.

In conclusion I believe that a man should be free to expound any idea that he wishes so long as he presents it as his own opinion and does not insist that his students think and believe as he does.

Or has our educational system so decayed that our young men and women are no longer sufficiently aware of the basic American ideals to be able to successfully meet and answer contrary and harmful ideologies.

Robert M. Noller

## Fire Sidleedi By Altercation

BAKER, Feb. 3—(AP)—Fires and feudin' are taken in stride at Halfway, Ore.

A dance was in progress there at the community hall Saturday night when a fire broke out around the flue of the main stove. At the same time two of the local swains were engaged in a physical altercation caused by some mutual problem.

Like they do during major catastrophes, the music kept playing, the couples went on dancing, and the fisticuffs continued unabated—while the fire was extinguished with minor damage.

The reason the news didn't get to the outside until now was because up there they figured the evening was uneventful.

## Collier Appointed Chief Night Editor

Warren Collier, junior in journalism, has been appointed chief night editor of the Emerald.

Other students appointed as winter term night editors are Bob Downs, Lorna Larson and Betty French.

# From Our Mailbag

Letters to the Editor

## American



## AIRLINES

By Tom Marquis

Television seems to be given a new lease on popularity to stars of the silent and early talking pictures. Leading in informal popularity polls at the present time is the screen's greatest lover, Rudolph Valentino.

The American Broadcasting company first telecast an old Valentino epic, "The Eagle," last September. Audience response was so great that the movie was repeated in October. Recently another of the Latin lovers films, and perhaps his most famous one, "Son of the Sheik," was televised.

Time marches on, but love and lovers never die (unless they stay out too long on these winter nights and freeze to death.)

Psychologically this is probably the wrong time of the year to take up this next item, what with mid-terms and all. But maybe it will prove of value to English majors.

Beginning on Sunday February 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST, the National Broadcasting company will begin the presentation of a chronological survey of English and American novels. These broadcasts are in connection with the NBC University of the Air, which has arranged with several of the country's universities to offer instruction and study for credit via the airlines. Washington State College is the

member of the plan representing the Pacific Northwest.

First in the novel series will be "Gulliver's Travels," which will star Henry Hull, of the screen and stage, as the intrepid traveler. This initial presentation will be followed by "Tom Jones," "Pride and Prejudice," and a host of other novels important in the development of our Anglo-American literary heritage.

A total of 17 such books will be presented in the period from February 6 to May 29. Those interested in the complete list of dramatizations and the dates on which they will appear may find such information posted on the English office bulletin board in Friendly hall.

Voices as smooth as that of John Nesbitt will seldom be found, in radio or anywhere else.

The twentieth century Demosthenes, characterized as "America's foremost teller of tales," brings his "Passing Parade" to the air every weekday afternoon from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m., PST, over station KORE.

Long known for his outstanding movie short subjects, Mr. Nesbitt is no less effective in his radio role. His stories of the strange and unusual make good listening anytime.

"Sally sent her picture in to the lonesome heart club. But they sent it back. Said they weren't that lonesome."

"Then I invited Sally to go out with me and she retired to her boudoir to powder her face. She must have used gunpowder—her complexion was all shot."

Don't blame me—these yaks courtesy of ABC's "Curt Massey show."

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