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An Oregon Crusader

George S. Turnbull, the University's former dean of journalism, who has turned to writing journalism history since his retirement in 1948, has come up with another outstanding work.

Published recently, his latest book is named "An Oregon Crusader." It is the story of George Putnam, an editor and publisher who for 46 years on the Medford Mail-Tribune and the Salem Capital Journal fought through his editorials for the things he believed to be right, disregarding majority opinions when he deemed necessary.

From reviews of the book, we understand that Turnbull goes into extensive detail on Putnam's fight against the official arrogance in Southern Oregon and his battle to block the Ku Klux Klan's effort to take control of the government in Oregon.

For Turnbull, this is the second noteworthy book he has written, the other being his "History of Oregon Newspapers," published some years ago. At present he is working at the University on an up-to-date revision of this book.

Turnbull, who started on the Oregon journalism faculty in 1917 under the founder of the school, the late Dean Eric W. Allen, served 31 consecutive years for the school. After his retirement, he spent one year teaching at the Institute for Journalistic Studies at Stanford university and then spent some time working for both the Oregonian and the Albany Democrat-Herald, mostly in writing editorials.

Turnbull is truly the type of person that most students of journalism at Oregon would like to emulate. And he is indeed a credit to the journalism and newspaper professions for which he has done so much. —(B.R.)

Raised Tuition

A suggestion hitting at the very heart of the so-called American system, or way of life, has been thrown out by John Rettaliata, president of Illinois Institute of Technology, as a possibility to help private educational institutions meet the swelling college-age population problem.

In his annual report for the 1954-55 school year, which is not explained by the information bulletin furnished by the Illinois institute, Rettaliata lists three conditions

which "must be met" in order to solve this problem.

The most controversial of these is one stating that "public institutions should consider raising tuition charges so students with adequate finances will pay a more appropriate share of their education's cost and thus appreciate it more."

Appreciation is a rather strange justification for this type of recommended action, it would seem. And what Rettaliata means is unclear, except that it sounds decidedly unfair.

The recommendation is more obviously trying to direct the large enrollment possibilities into private institutions. And this is not stated in a logical manner, considering the other recommendations on the same problem.

The first of his three recommendations states that private educational institutions must convince themselves that they can acquire the means to expand their enrollment to accommodate the increasing number of students.

The third is a plea for "friends, neighbors and benefactors" of private institutions to rally with financial assistance to the colleges and universities. Here, the word "private" is not included before colleges and universities, but is certainly implied.

It seems, from the suggestions given, that Rettaliata's ideas do not solve his self-assigned problem, and that the one concerning tuition raises for public institutions is definitely against all existing thoughts on democratic educational systems.

If he means that tuition should be based on ability to pay, like income taxes, he doesn't say so.

If he means that the public institutions should do this in order to help out the private, which is far more likely, he doesn't really say this either.

At any rate, it's an odd statement to make and if meant in the way it sounds, is certainly unfair in terms of current operations. —(A.R.)

Footnotes

We've heard of panty raids, water fights, and hangings-in-effigy, but never before of building bonfires in the middle of a street. This latest prank is just another, and we hope the last, in a series of childish misbehavior.

Grading Procedure



"I WISH HE COULD BE LIKE OTHER PROFS AN' JUST LAUGH AT THE WRONG ANSWERS"

GULLIVER'S TRIFLES

They Is Times When Folks Is Too Ready

By Ken Kesey
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Onct they were two kid gangs, who we mought's well call the east side gang 'n the west side gang, 'n though the fellers in these gangs were not 'zactly scrappers (they'd have just is leave set in their clubhouse an' drunk beer or vodka an' minded their own blamed business) these gang had ambishus leaders what kept 'em sturred up.

Wull, the westsiders was going through a 'ministrative turn-over 'n a couple o' different bunches was tryna get their boy in as gang leader. One bunch, ran by a feller name 'o Harry, was tryna get back in as top dog 'n figured the best way to swing it was to tear the other bunch down 'stead o' buildin' themselves up. So Harry sent out one of his men (who we mought's well call Harry's Man) out to tell the beerin' westerners how the present west side top brass had fouled up the foreign handlin's.

Wull now, actually they hadn't been no real fightin' atwixt neither gang — just a strained sorta courtin' t'ward owners o' some of the local licker stills—but there had been some mighty firecracker shooting' by both side (not to hurt nobody, mind ya, jest to sceer each other a bit—like two boys not wantin' to fight, not wantin' to run; jest a-glarin' an' sayin', "Yeh?")

"Yeh?". The top brass had kept these hurts a-smartin'—urgin' the gangs to build bigger firecrackers and the like —'til they was no chancet to settle down to some really serious beerin' and vodkain'.

That bein' the case, Harry's Man roamed around hollerin' and sturrin' up all the fellers til they didn't know what. Meanwhile at the same time, the eastsiders were shootin' off one of their biggest firecrackers what was calculated to keep the westsiders startin' anything what they couldn't hardly finish. An' what with the shootin' an' the name callin' and the politician' a man didn't hardly have enough time to go a hog butcherin'.

Wull, the whole riggin' right about here is so borin' an' confuzin' that shuck the whole story if tweren't for a interestin' incident.

One of the little piddlin' gangs got good n' tired o' this infernal worthless bickerin' so they snuck over by the dark o' night 'n drapped a firecracker into th' westsiders clubhouse. Harry's Man had stirred up the boys purty good 'cause twasn't but a shake but they grabbed up their fireworks and headed out east, the eastsiders was just as ready to tussle. An' come mornin' the little piddlin' gang was a-sittin' peaceful an' smug on 'top o' the rubble.

Moral? It takes a heap of homin' to make a pigeon toed.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Shifting Attitudes One Factor in Suggestion that Eden Visit U. S.

By J. M. Roberts
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A strange shift in British and American attitudes toward Russia is one of the factors underlying the suggestion that Prime Minister Eden visit the United States soon.

For years Britain, faced with the very real threat of annihilation unless atomic war can be avoided, has grasped at every straw which might give the slightest hope of peace.

The United States, on the other hand, long contended that there was no point in merely talking to Russia until the latter gave concrete evidence of a sincere desire for settlements.

During that period Washington was under constant pressure from London, Paris and other world capitals. At times they even dragged their feet on rearmament, preferring the scant hope that it might be proved unnecessary. Many an American envoy has flown the Atlantic

to urge greater realism and to say, in effect, that there was no evidence Russia was ready to do business.

However, at the time France was being encouraged to join the late-lamented European Defense community, and later the Western European union which now is in effect, Washington promised to enter into negotiations with Russia when the Western position had been thus solidified.

This eventually produced the two Geneva conferences.

The conferences, in turn, produced what the Americans had expected all along—nothing that could be called progress. Instead, they served to bolster Russian policy, which is to obtain a breathing spell during which her economic and industrial position can be brought more nearly to a par with that of the United States.

Now Britain, more quickly than anyone else, has accepted the Geneva results as requir-

ing maintenance of a stiff policy toward the Communists.

The United States, on the other hand, has been issuing statements designed to keep some life in the "Geneva spirit" which proved so barren.

Russia, on her part has launched an intensified effort to infiltrate noncommitted countries, stir up trouble in the Middle East, and in general pursue her expansionist policies, short of war or the immediate threat of war.

The suggestion had been made in Britain, even before a group of touring congressmen mentioned it, that it would be a good idea for Eden to reverse the former direction of trans-Atlantic travel and try to put some spunk into U.S. policy.

The business of trying to operate behind a facade of politeness, while recognizing that only a change in Russia objectives can produce worthwhile settlements, has certainly put the diplomats on some strange merry-go-rounds.



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