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'PANICKY STATE OF MIND'

Byrne Answers Education's Critics In College Address

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Graduates of Eastern Oregon College were warned this morning to "watch out against being panicked into accepting all the advice currently being offered to education" by Charles D. Byrne, former chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Byrne spoke to an overflow crowd in the college theatre where degrees were awarded to 88 graduates in EOC's annual commencement exercises. The ceremonies marked the college's 30th anniversary.

The speaker answered charges currently being made by critics of education who say that schools are becoming too soft, that they are neglecting science and mathematics, and that they are catering to the poor and average student while neglecting brilliant ones.

Byrne questioned the validity of the criticisms and said that he thinks the critics are mistaking "soft" education for a "concern for the all-around development of the student."

Replying to charges that education is not emphasizing science and mathematics, he urged "equally increased emphasis on the social sciences and humanities which are designed for human betterment and the welfare of all" whereas scientific advances have been "designed for the destruction of mankind."

Most of the criticisms are the result of a "panicky state of mind" since recent Russian scientific discoveries," he declared.

As for criticism that education is wasting good talent, he asked the graduates to note that "the majority of our citizens are of average talent and that education in this country is dedicated to the education of all to the extent

that they can benefit."

"In our zeal for the development of intelligence we must not forget this dedication," he said.

Currently a professor of education in the University of Oregon, Byrne told the graduates to be "open to new observations" but "not to mistake the clamor of the few for the voice of society."

He declared that the U. S. "has the finest educational system in the world, the best professional people, and good objectives and methods."

Countries in the Orient are now at a stage where our educational system was 50 years ago, he said. After leaving his post as chancellor in 1955, Byrne took a position as educational advisor to the government of Nepal for two years.

Dr. Frank B. Bennett, president, announced that the college has received in the past the high See BYRNE on Page 3.

THESE LADS WERE READY

CHICAGO—Three boys were home again today after an unsuccessful 19-hour journey in search of a haunted house. The boys explained why they had carried so much with them on the trip:

The candles were to light the haunted house; cap pistols, to frighten ghosts; rubbing alcohol, for any ghost-inflicted wounds; swimming trunks, in case they were thrown into a secret river; a bible—if all else failed.

Local Guard Unit Leaves For Training

La Grande's National Guard unit leaves tonight for Fort Lewis and its first two weeks of active duty training as a headquarters company.

Headquarters Company, First Battle Group, 186th Infantry will go to camp this year with 21 officers, three warrant officers, and 113 enlisted men.

The group, which has been concentrating on the training of key personnel since its reorganization in April, will be under the command of Captain Willard K. Carey.

He will be assisted by Lt. Larry L. Toney, executive officer; Lt. Roy L. Wilhelm, engineer platoon leader; Lt. Richard M. Hohstadt, communications platoon leader; Lt. Earl F. Wells, medical platoon leader, and M/Sgt. John P. Chess, full-time administrator for the company.

The first week of the camp will be on weapons qualification, tactical problems, and specialized training for men assigned to new positions. Five days will be spent in bivouac, sleeping and eating in the field—the longest period for camping out during field training since World War II.

An advance detachment of the company, along with drivers and vehicles from other units of the First Battle Group, 186th Infantry, left Wednesday morning under the command of Capt. Burl Courtney to set up the camp area for the main body of troops who will arrive at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Another convoy consisting of 30 vehicles will leave Saturday morning under the command of Lt. Franz J. Haun, Battle Group motor officer.

The company will return to La Grande at 8:45 a.m., June 27.

Lawyer To Fight To Get Long Out Of Clinic

GALVESTON, Tex. (UPI)—Theo Cangelosi, a prominent Louisiana lawyer, indicated today he will fight the attempt of Gov. Earl Long's family to have Long declared insane and will offer proof he was kidnapped.

Cangelosi did not use the specific term "kidnaping." He said he would base his challenge of Texas jurisdiction on proof Long was forced "against his will" to fly to Texas.

Cangelosi, chairman of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors and an assistant attorney general in Louisiana, is a friend and legal adviser of Long.

WEATHER

Mostly fair through Saturday with chance of isolated thunderstorms in afternoon or evening; high Saturday 80-90; low tonight 47-55.

McElroy Reveals New Master Plan For U. S. Air Defense

Police Press Search To Catch Mad Bomber After 38 Are Injured

BOSTON (UPI)—A mad bomber whose ingeniously contrived time bomb blasted apart a rapid transit station and injured 38 persons was sought here today by a team of crack detectives.

More than a score of men were assigned to the investigation in an urgent effort to track down the maniac before he could strike again. An escaped mental patient with a record of previous bombing attempts was considered a prime suspect.

Three persons were critically injured in the blast late Thursday night picking up bits of the bomb. They said the person who planted it "knew his business." The explosive force was said to be about equal to a World War II 100-pound aerial bomb.

The station is about 20 feet above the ground on the Metropolitan Transit Authority's elevated tracks. The platform is outside the sheltered waiting room.

Authorities found traces of black powder and several other chemicals on a locker in the waiting room. They believed the explosive was planted with some sort of timing device in the public coin-operated locker, common in most railroad and transit stations. The bomb may have been fired with batteries, authorities said.

Many Persons Knocked Down
The explosion ripped apart the waiting room just as a two-car train came to a stop at the edge of the platform.

Huge beams, chunks of metal and razor-sharp pieces of glass flew in all directions. Some 200 persons in the immediate area were knocked flat.

Debris rained down on the street below, cutting and injuring many passersby. Some passengers on the crowded train were injured when several car windows disintegrated.

First rescue workers to the scene had to dig half a dozen persons from beneath the wreckage. The injured on the platform were strapped to stretchers and lowered to a fleet of ambulances in the street.

Hospital Superior Receives Degree

Sister Mary Euphrasia Markham, O.S.F., superior at St. Joseph hospital in La Grande, received a master's degree in hospital administration at commencement exercises at St. Louis University June 6.

Sister Euphrasia is also a graduate of Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., in hospital administration.

While in St. Louis for the exercises, she attended the national meeting of the Catholic Hospital Association.

CAR CRASHES, TEETH 'KISS'

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—A motorist discovered that it doesn't pay to kiss a girl while driving, especially when wearing false teeth.

Allegheny County Police reported that an unidentified man leaned over to kiss his girl friend as he drove away from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. He lost control of the auto and crashed into a utility pole.

The woman required 14 stitches to close a forehead wound caused, police said, when the driver's false teeth flew out from the force of the crash and "bit" her.

Controversial Wheat Bill Gets By House

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House overrode administration opposition today and passed by an 11-vote margin a price-boosting democratic bill to curb the nation's mounting wheat surplus.

The roll call vote was 188-177. Democratic farm leaders just managed to stop a revolt by city Democrats who threatened to scuttle the legislation.

President Eisenhower had challenged the Democratic-controlled Congress to do something to curb mounting wheat surplus.

Passage of the Democratic bill was regarded as an important political victory for the Democrats and another stinging rebuff for Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson.

Before final passage, the House rejected, 223-141, an administration plan to cut production of wheat surpluses without boosting price supports.

The Democrats figured that they now can force Eisenhower, who has applied urgently for action to cut the more than three-billion dollar wheat surplus, to take the responsibility for accepting or killing wheat legislation.

The controversial House-passed bill would for the next two years tighten production controls and cut government planting allowances 25 percent. But it also would boost price supports by 20 percent, restoring the old pre-Eisenhower level of 90 percent of parity.

The Senate earlier passed a different version of the bill which the administration also opposes. It now will be up to a Senate-House conference committee to work out a compromise.

Blue Mt. Boys Enter Rose Parade

The Blue Mountain Boys and their portable outhouse returned to their home in the wilds of Eastern Oregon yesterday after a brief fling in the big city.

The Boys made their first appearance in Portland Tuesday night when they participated in the Merrykhana parade, first official event of the 1959 Rose Festival.

Besides the outhouse, they had their "automobile," the mash mangle, along with them. They distributed \$10,000 in Blue Mountain Boy Bucks and fired 400 rounds of blank ammunition along the parade route.

It was the first time that La Grande has been represented in the Rose Festival for several years.

Missile Cutbacks Outlined

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy today unveiled a new air defense master plan calling for a \$1,500,000,000 cutback in defenses against manned bombers, but speeding development of antimissile missiles.

McElroy outlined the new program for the Senate Armed Services Committee behind closed doors. Chairman Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) later gave newsmen an account of his testimony.

Russell said that both anti-aircraft missiles involved in the current Army-Air Force feud, the Army's Nike-Hercules and the Air Force Bomarc, would be cut back. The Bomarc would take somewhat bigger cutback, at least in the immediate future.

Russell and Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.) said McElroy estimated that savings resulting from these cutbacks at \$1,500,000,000 over the next five years before these weapons are eliminated from the defense blueprint in 1965.

But the Army's Nike-Zeus antimissile missile will be speeded by spending 157 million dollars for research and development in the fiscal year starting July 1.

The Nike-Zeus was described by Russell as the "hope for the future" in defending the nation against ballistic missiles.

Russell commented that the air defense plan "continues to involve a mix of the two missile systems." He said he generally approved of retaining both the Nike-Hercules and the Bomarc but would personally have preferred deeper cuts.

As to whether he regarded the new plan as a "solution to the problem of duplication in missile programs, Russell said "No, I wouldn't say that."

"As I understand it, this program does not have the unanimous support of the Joint Chiefs of Staff," Russell said.

He declined to elaborate. McElroy told newsmen that the big shift toward antimissile defense "seems wise." He emphasized, however, that manned bombers will remain a secondary threat even after Russia has intercontinental ballistic missiles in large numbers.

Park Officials Disturbed About Billy's Remarks

LONDON (UPI)—American evangelist Billy Graham was in hot water with park officials and policemen here today for his claim that some of the things going on in London's parks were more suitable to a bedroom.

Graham made the statement on two separate occasions, the latest Thursday, just before he flew to Brussels on the first leg of a trip which may take him to Moscow. Asked to amplify his "bedroom" remark of the day before, Graham made the following statement concerning a walk he and his wife took when they arrived in London three days ago:

"We saw two couples in the midst of the sex act—in daylight—in a London park."

One park keeper was vehement in his denial of the charge. "Billy Graham's eyes must be deceiving him," he said. "It just does not happen in the daytime."

Actually, Graham had specified in his first reference to park activities that he and Mrs. Graham had done their walking at dusk, rather than full daylight.

Civic Music Picks Wilson President

Neil Wilson was chosen new president of the Union County Civic Music Association at a meeting of the board of the directors Monday evening.

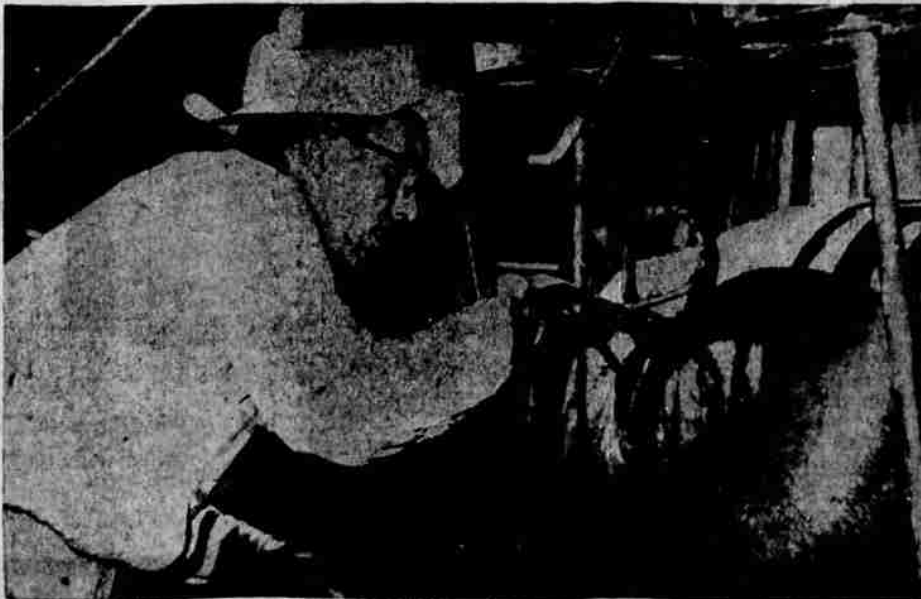
Other officers for the year are Don Nelson, vice president; Mrs. Charles Snyder, secretary; Merle Becket, treasurer; Mrs. Lee Reynolds, dinner chairman; Mrs. George Tiss, headquarters chairman; and Dr. Lynn Bishop, publicity.

New board members and committee chairmen will be announced later by Wilson.

On hand for the Monday meeting was Rae Sinclair, a national representative of Civic Concert service. She helped the group make preliminary plans for the fall membership campaign.



WEIGHING IN—Cattle who will spend the summer grazing season on the Starkey Experimental pastures were weighed this week before being turned out for the summer. The U.S. Forest Service studies being conducted on Blue Mountain range lands require the animals to be weighed both before and after the summer grazing period. Weighing the cattle is Jon M. Skovlin, project leader of cattle grazing management study for the Blue Mountain Research Center in La Grande.



BRANDING WITH DYE—This cow is being marked with dye for temporary identification during the summer grazing season at the Starkey Experimental range lands. Doing the work is Gerald S. Strickler, project leader of range condition studies for La Grande's Blue Mountain Research Center, a subsidiary of the U.S. Forest Service which is sponsoring the Starkey experiments. Significant findings are being made from the longrange project about ways to increase the productivity of summer range lands in the Blue Mountains.



TAGGING—This calf is getting a permanent serial number before it is turned out on the special pastures of the Starkey Experimental Range lands. Some 250 cows with their calves—all from the Cuhna Bros. ranch at Echo—are beginning summer grazing this week at Starkey, where they will help the U.S. Forest Service reach conclusions about the best use of Blue Mountain range land. Assisting with the identification work this week was A. K. Majors, a field assistant for the Blue Mountain Research Center and a range management student from Utah State University.