

The Frost Is on the Pumpkinhead



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Colleges Faced With Dilemma

The State Board of Higher Education is confronted with a dilemma of many horns in the next 10 years. It is created by the fact that there will be an estimated additional 18,500 new students applying for admission to Oregon's public colleges and university.

There can be little doubt that this figure is reasonably accurate. It may be arrived at by projecting the known rate of increase in college students in the past 7 years from 12,500 to the 22,500 now attending our institutions and anticipating the increase to 1970.

That figure just about doubles the number of students who will have to have dormitories, and other facilities in a system that is already overloaded. Unless immediate action is taken the situation shall have become impossible by 1970.

Wholly self-supporting student facility buildings are presently financed by gifts, grants and student-paid building fees. No tax money is used for their construction. But the board is limited to a \$24,000,000 ceiling under the present plan in general obligation bonds with which it may build such buildings.

The ceiling was established by the provisions of Article XI-F (1) of the constitution of the State of Oregon and adopted by the people November 7, 1950. It grants the Legislature authority to permit the credit of the state to be loaned to finance construction of self-liquidating buildings of the system of higher education not to exceed three-fourths of one per cent of the total ASSESSED valuation of the property of the state.

The 1959 Legislature adopted House Joint Resolution No. 12 recommending that a constitutional amendment be sub-

mitted to the people at the next regular general election to raise the debt limitation to three-fourths of one per cent of TRUE CASH VALUE. The new method, if approved by the voters, will then put the ceiling at near \$56,000,000, and permit use of about \$8,000,000 during each of the next five bienniums. The estimated need to provide additional facilities for these new students is presently at \$42,332,000. When Oregon Technical Institute becomes a part of our system of higher education on July 1st, 1960 its needs will add another \$1,753,000 to that estimate.

The expanded facilities will add materially to the research grants now coming to our colleges. This year grants from the federal government and the great foundations totaled about \$5,000,000 but in 1970 the standards of our colleges will be raised to the point that they are expected to receive about \$26,000,000. This new bonanza will, undoubtedly attract scientists of a stature previously unavailable to teach or work in Oregon.

The entire program is at the mercy of the voters in 1960. Their decision will decide whether Oregon goes ahead in the field of higher education and keeps her colleges and university on a par with those of other states or whether she must struggle along trammelled in mediocrity in a steadily advancing world of higher education.

H.J.R. No. 12 seems a bit of wisdom on the part of the Legislature. Without its passage education will become more and more something that only the rich may enjoy. Failure to pass the bill can only result in a greater part of education being paid for by students at an ever increasing cost. This is wrong in concept.

Picking On The Poor Pacifists

Back in New Hampshire, they're picking on pacifists.

Attorney General Louis G. Wyman was running a subversive activities investigation and, having apparently run out of Communists, decided to investigate some pacifists.

Pacifists, you will recall, are those dangerous trouble-makers who believe that Christ taught there were more worthwhile things than blowing each other to smithereens.

One of the pacifists, Willard Uphaus, was asked who had attended the summer camp meetings at his World Fellowship Center in 1954 and 1955. He wouldn't tell. He didn't think the participants had done anything illegal, and didn't

see why their names should be released and held up to public contempt and ridicule.

He was prosecuted for contempt. On Dec. 14, if he doesn't tell all to the superior court, he will be thrown in jail, with all appeals exhausted. Uphaus is 68 and, as he says, "In my case this may mean a life sentence."

It's good to see the New Hampshire Attorney General making trouble for peace-loving old men who have committed no crime. After all, if he weren't so busy with that duty, he might be forced to prosecute some real criminals. Persecution is so much more rewarding than prosecution. You don't have to go through any expensive trials.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Ike Finds Pakistan Very Jealous Of Aid To India

KARACHI—When President Eisenhower and President Mohammed Ayub Khan ride through the humanity-packed streets of this Pakistan city together, they'll present some interesting contrasts.

Ayub is the son of a bugler in the old Indian army, trained under the British, and he grew up in an atmosphere of troop barracks and border raids. He is tall and straight, with a guardsman's mustache, carries a swagger stick, and looks more British than any Britisher.

Like Eisenhower, who went to West Point, Ayub graduated from the British military school at Sandhurst. But, while Eisenhower was elected president of the United States by popular vote and has adhered strictly to the parliamentary system, Ayub seized the presidency here by force 14 months ago, promptly abolished parliament, and has ruled Pakistan by martial law ever since.

Absolute Dictator

Today Ayub is just as absolute a dictator as is Francisco Franco in Spain or Benito Mussolini ever was in Italy. And, just as Mussolini became famous for at least making the trains run on time, Ayub is cleaning up the city of Karachi.

Shortly before Ike's arrival here, three bus drivers and two bus conductors were arrested for draining of their vehicles' oil on the street, and Sued Hyder Shah of the Blue Star Pakistan hotels was arrested for playing phonograph records too loudly. The United States Supreme Court, which believes in search warrants, would blanch over the arrests being made under this country's military law. Today, for instance, the local police searched a merchant's shop on the suspicion that he had smuggled nylon cloth from India, and arrested him.

These things naturally won't be discussed by the two presidents, but the growing pains of Pakistan will. This is the 12th year since this northern slice of old British India, with approximately 80,000,000 Moslems, was amputated from India in a surgical operation which probably never should have happened.

At the time it happened some 700,000 Moslems and Hindus massacred each other at border points. Whole trainloads of people trying to cross the border were murdered, their bodies piled so high there was not enough kerosene to burn them and crocodiles from the Ganges river became satiated from feasting on the corpses.

Hate and jealousy have continued between the two countries ever since. Pakistan is jealous of American food shipments to India, and India is resentful of United States military help given Pakistan. It is carefully played down in Pakistan that Ike will spend four days in India and only two here.

The reason for this jealousy is the fact that the Pakistanis see India, with a population of more than 400,000,000, pushing their 80,000,000 to one side and becoming the dominant power in Southeast Asia. However, the one country the Pakistanis fear more than India is Russia—and that is the chief reason Eisenhower is stopping here. This will also be the chief topic of conversation between Eisenhower and Ayub.

Pakistan's per capita income is only \$55 a year. About 85 per cent of its people cannot read or write. To cure this Ayub has instituted drastic land reforms, distributing land among the landless. However, he'll argue with Ike that it takes money to do this, and it especially takes money to raise the Pakistan standard of living to withstand the threat of Communism. This is why Finance and Economics Minister Mohammed Shoaib will participate in the discussions.

Pakistan-Go-Round

Pakistanis remember with great affection Jim Langley, who served as U. S. ambassador for two years and now has returned to the States to publish his paper, the Concord (N.H.) Monitor. In a succession of many and quick-changing ambassadors, Langley is remembered best... one of the big problems in resettling the land is what to do with the harem of the big landowners. One man questioned General Ayub: "Who's going to take care of my uncle's concubines?" About 6,000 top land owners owned 15 per cent of west Pakistan land; they are now permitted to keep 500 acres of irrigated land or 1,000 acres unirrigated. The biggest estate, formerly 350,000 acres, is the same size as the Waggoner estate once managed by Secretary of the Treasury Robert Anderson in Texas.

Problems, Problems

Most of the countries Ike is visiting have suffered many invasions. They were invaded by the Goths, Huns, Mongols, Medes, Persians, Greeks and Romans. But never has any invasion worried them more than the horde of 88 American newsmen plus another small army of Europeans which

REMEMBER WHEN

25 years ago, an explosion in a Cove grocery store took the life of O. M. Gardner, prominent Cove store operator. A drum containing gasoline exploded, and Lloyd Murchison, who dragged Gardner's body from the flames, received painful burns.

A total of 747 bull elk were bagged during the elk season in Eastern Oregon, with 95 of the animals shot in the Walla Walla forest area.

The UP depot at Hilgard west of La Grande burned to the ground, with local firemen helping to battle the blaze. The property was valued at about \$4,000.

15 years ago, the Victory Ship S. S. La Grande was christened at Portland in honor of this city, with Mrs. Melbourne G. Buck selected as matron of honor and Mrs. Jesse Rosebaum of La Grande to do the christening. Seventy guests bought \$8.193 worth of tickets in a special war bond dinner at the Country Club. Mrs. Ann Decker was chairman of the affair. Her women's group raised \$86,076.50 in the current drive. Mrs. Herbert Siegrist served as dinner hostess.

END OUTBREAK

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI)—Colonial troops have succeeded in temporarily ending a new outbreak of fighting between the rival Lulua and Baluba tribes in the Congo town of Luluabourg but the state of military emergency has been extended, according to reports here today.

Expect West To Lift Arms Production Ban On Germany

By PHIL NEWSOM
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From the foreign editor's notebook:

FULL CIRCLE:

Western diplomats predict a quiet, gradual lifting of restrictions on West German arms production. Only recently the Western allies okayed German production of anti-aircraft missiles. Soon they expect a request for authorization to cooperate with Britain in building the "blue water" ground-to-ground artillery rocket.

BRIEF CASE DIPLOMACY:

When Prime Minister Harold Macmillan takes off Jan. 5 on a one-month good will tour of Africa there will be no accompanying cargo or press planes. A single chartered BOAC turboprop "Britannia" will act as "flying 10 Downing Street" for the trip. Any newsmen from Britain assigned to cover the tour will have to fend for themselves.

HOUSECLEANING:

The British government, having acted to modernize the country's prostitution and betting laws, plans to cap this with a bill lifting some of the antiquated restrictions on pub closings.

CHANGES:

Look for West Germany to make a major pitch for reorganization of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) command structure when the NATO ministerial meeting begins in Paris later this month. Germany

is not seeking more of a share of NATO commands for herself. But Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government feels that after 10 years the whole organization needs an overhaul to bring it up to date. Among other things, the Germans would like to see faster standardization of weapons.

MORE ABOUT BERLIN:

West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt has hinted to friends he will resign if the Western allies at a Summit meeting agree to measures which in his eyes would pave the way for a Communist takeover of West Berlin. Brandt in this way would dramatize the city's opposition to Western appeasement of the Soviets.

Unemployed Pay In Oregon Climbs

SALEM (UPI)—The number of persons claiming unemployment insurance benefits in Oregon last week rose to 19,172. This was about 4,000 higher than the week before and the figure in the first week in December, 1958 was 29,004.

The Oregon Employment Department said the current downward trend of prices in the lumber market and inclement weather continued to curtail lumber, logging, plywood and construction operations through the state.

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