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US AND RUSSIA

History seems to be following the same pattern in World War I and II in more than one event and the number two event is the communistic scare, which is following about the same style as in 1918.

The course Russia is following should not be mysterious to those who have followed the events since 1939, although one phase of the Russia problem, if it may be termed that, is a puzzle to a great many people. Ex-soldiers and others who have traveled abroad have found the common people of Russia friendly and apparently eager to live at peace. This situation isn't so puzzling if we stop to consider that out of some 160,000,000 to 170,000,000 people in Russia, only about fifteen higher ups have anything to do with government policies. The average Soviet official is contemptuous of any government except his own. Over ninety per cent of the people have no voice in the policy of the government and their desires are never considered in the formation of the Russian plans.

It can also be said that the Russian people know little or nothing about what is going on in the world; nothing except what the government wishes them to know and this is usually derogatory to the democracies.

It can be said also that there are lots of things about Russia the average American does not know, but this we believe is on account of the iron curtain which that country has maintained for a number of years. Neither do we know how much under-cover work has been done for the communists in the United States. The trouble is we never stop to inquire until troublesome times come.

One of the most hopeful signs we see in the future relations with Russia is that this country apparently no longer tries to suppress religion. From what we know of current history there is religious freedom in Russia today, even though it might not be to the same extent that we enjoy it. Several denominations are growing rapidly there and if we accept some of the figures of church officials, many of the strongest denominations we know today will soon number in Russia in the millions. We can't see but that this condition will deter ill feelings in years to come and will promote a better world understanding.

BOHEMIA WHISKERINO

The state highway department has recently issued folders listing the various attractions over the state in the way of fairs, round ups, fishing derbies, etc. Aside from instituting the Lane county picnic last year, the Cottage Grove area has never tried to put over anything that might attract visitors from outside the county. At least not in several years.

Fifty years ago the principal industry of the community was mining and the town bugle was named the Bohemia Nugget. There are a good many tales in circulation as to how wild the community was at this time. At any rate there was lots of gold being taken out of the hills. If we have been correctly informed the Bohemia Days was reinacted by the community in a one and two day celebration for several years starting with the early nineteen twenties.

There is still gold in the Bohemia hills. We think the revival of Bohemia days or a Bohemia Whiskerino would be appropriate. Probably the Jaycees will not overlook the opportunity to help promote a fitting celebration.

The rising business mortality rate indicates that the time when any kind of enterprise could make money is about over. A great many fields have been over-crowded, and badly financed outfits just can't hang on. The experts think the rate may go much higher.

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State Legislature Ends Its Longest Session April 5th

The longest and most costly legislature in Oregon history came to an exhausted end at 12:33 a. m. Saturday after an eleven-hour battle over raising or lowering the state income tax all but threw the session into another week.

The house had passed three major remaining tax measures late in the afternoon, and the senate had approved two of them—setting the sales tax election for October 7 and specifying how the potential \$24,000,000 annual revenue would be distributed—when the fight broke out regarding the contingent income tax bill shortly before 9 p. m.

Sens. Douglas McKay of Salem and Orval Thompson of Albany opened fire on the latter measure because it provided only for lowered income tax exemptions, in event the sales tax failed, and did not provide for increased income taxes in the upper brackets.

They were joined by opponents of the sales tax itself, as well as those who had opposed the already passed bill making Oregon a community property state (at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 in state revenue).

After a myriad of conferences, recesses and hurried messages all over the statehouse, the bill was brought back and passed—and with it was another measure which provided for a levy of 8 per cent on taxable income over \$8000—instead of the 7 per cent as now obtains for taxable income over \$4000.

The senate also passed the latter measure, both went to the house in a matter of seconds, and within five minutes the 83-day session was over.

Under the contingent income tax bill as it finally was approved, the exemptions if the sales tax is passed will be \$1800 for married persons, \$900 for single persons and \$400 for each dependent. If the sales tax is defeated, the exemptions will be \$1000, \$500 and \$300, respectively. (Current exemptions are \$1500, \$750 and \$300.)

Other measures given final legislative approval during the marking-time sessions, while the tax program was being ironed out, included those legalizing and licensing bookmaking on horse racing, and making constables appointive instead of elective.

The house, after beating down attempts to change from six months to 60 days the waiting period between divorce and marriage, also passed and sent to the senate, which concurred just before midnight, a bill validating marriages already consummated prior to the six-months period.

Defeated during the final sessions were measures:

(1) Allowing state prison convicts to make license plates and highway signs (beaten by senate 15 to 12, with 16 needed for a constitutional majority).

(2) Authorizing club liquor licenses for local units of national organizations, without their having served meals the required two years (conference committees were unable to agree on amendments).

(3) Providing that September 30 should be the effective date of Oregon's new community property law (instead of 90 days after adjournment).

(4) Lowering from six months to 60 days the waiting period between divorces and marriages.

The sales tax bill as finally passed late Saturday contained these provisions:

Of the annual revenue of the sales tax (estimated at \$24,000,000 on the basis of 1940 population), \$22,000,000 would be allocated one-sixth to schools; one-sixth to counties, based on assessed valuation; one-sixth to cities, based on their last federal census adjusted in proportion to their current school census; one-sixth to a public assistance reserve fund, to be used to fill out the welfare fund in event liquor revenues do not provide the revenue estimated; and the other two-sixths to the general fund. Everything over \$22,000,000 would be placed in a surplus property-off-set fund until a "cushion" of \$12,000,000 is accumulated.

The sales tax election bill was amended to permit other issues

Roots of Culture Good Taste THEN and NOW

EASTER

THE WORD "EASTER" COMES FROM EOSTRE, ANCIENT ANGLO-SAXON GODDESS OF SPRING. HER FESTIVAL WAS CELEBRATED IN APRIL WITH FEASTING AND GIFTS.

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GIFTS OF DECORATED EASTER EGGS WERE POPULAR IN MEDIEVAL TIMES. THE CUSTOM DATES FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF CHRISTIANITY.

EASTER IS STILL A DAY FOR FINE GIFTS TO FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

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to be voted on at the same time so long as they pertain to taxation, but not otherwise.

In addition to action on the tax measures, the legislature in its last house gave final approval to amended measures:

(1) Providing for a referendum to levy a tax up to 1/2 of 1 per cent (about \$7,500,000) of the state's valuation, for reforestation.

(2) Raising unemployment compensation benefits from \$18 for 20 weeks to \$20 for 20 weeks.

(3) Licensing bookmaking on horseracing.

(4) Allowing the state to recover assistance funds from gifts or legacies received by persons on old age assistance.

(5) Requiring state to take liens on the properties of old age pensioners.

(6) Providing for a referendum on allowing cities to alter their tax base and to restrict application of the 6 per cent limitation to property taxes.

(7) Giving veterans a wider choice of schools approved for those receiving state educational aid.

The joint ways and means committee, in its final report, said the state now faced a deficit of nearly \$3,000,000 for the next biennium, unless the sales tax or other revenue wipes it out. It would be another \$4,000,000 if the cigarette tax is defeated at a possible referendum.

In addition to nearly 600 new laws, the legislature authorized a dozen interim committees to investigate various matters and recommend legislation on them for the 1949 session. The committees will investigate aviation, highway needs, surface mining, county officials' salaries, juvenile delinquency, wildlife resources, mosquito control, sources of meat, veterans' affairs, care and education of the blind, Columbia river fisheries, and truck insurance.

There were 1019 bills introduced at the 44th session—557 in the house and 462 in the senate. The house passed 376 of its own bills and 255 of the senate's. The senate passed 294 of its own bills and 341 introduced in the house. A total of 596 bills became laws.

The session cost an estimated \$400,000, including secretarial help and the expenses of interim committees.

Even before the session closed there were efforts under way to insure a less lengthy assembly next time, as well as to increase members' present pay of \$8 a day. But no final action on the proposals was taken.

The closing days also brought guesses as to who would be in the drivers' seats next time. The con-

census was that Sen. Douglas McKay definitely had the inside track toward being the next president of the senate and that Rep. Frank Van Dyke of Medford was a good bet for the next speaker of the house.

Stellar Universe
There are about 100 "island universes" in the galaxy which have tens of thousands of stars as bright or brighter than the sun.

Acid Removes Stain
Dark stains on aluminum pans, if not too well established, can often be removed with dilute acid such as vinegar. Fill pan with equal parts of vinegar and water and bring to a boil.

Good Firing
Don't put too much coal on the fire at any one firing. A good method is to fire first on one side and then on the other. Grates should be shaken until the red glow of the embers is reflected in the ash pit.

Railroad Securities
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EATING HIS CHRISTMAS PIE;
HE PUT IN HIS THUMB,
AND PULLED OUT A PLUM,
AND SAID, "WHAT A GOOD BOY AM I!"**



It's a shame that little Jack Horner lived in the distant past. In those days there was no First National Bank and no First National Thrifty Pay Plan. So the Horner family didn't have the modern advantage of buying their home furnishings the Thrifty Pay way. Little Jack, good boy though he was, had to sit on a stool while he ate his Christmas dinner.

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