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MANAGER PLAN ILL TIMED

Lane county voters will no doubt hear much of the proposed county manager form of government between now and the May primary. There is no doubt that the proposal has a good deal of merit, if handled properly.

In this connection, being curious, we would like to know who or what organization is financing the present campaign with its printed maps, printed charter and other printed materials.

Even though the movement is ill timed we believe that we might pick up enough votes to carry it over in this end of the county, if the proponents of the measure would agree to kick this section of the county out of Lane and permit us to form a new county according to our geographical limitations.

We will readily admit that we could not be much worse off locally under most any form of county government. One member of the present county form does not think we amount to a great deal down this way and consequently our needs should be few.

SHORT ON RECOVERY

The National Physicians Committee for the Extension of Medical Care, which has carefully surveyed this problem over a period of many years, has pointed to six basic and important flaws in compulsory government health insurance.

- 1. The quality of medical care would be lowered.
2. It would not satisfy the demand for better care at lower cost.
3. It would create a costly political bureaucracy to administer the program.
4. It would reduce the availability of physicians in many areas, unless doctors were wholly regimented and forced to live and work where the government ordered them.
5. It would postpone indefinitely sound solutions of the medical care problem on a voluntary basis.
6. It would subject the relationship of physician and patient to the blundering, ineptitude and waste which have always characterized the extension of government into the personal affairs of the citizen.

These views are shared by the great majority of medical men, and by most of the other experts who are concerned with medical care. The experience in other countries where government medicine is or has been in effect adds strong additional evidence.

IT'S THE HOME AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD

The metropolis drains youth from rural communities. The temptations of the city are bad enough when vice is restricted by law enforcement upheld by public opinion. But with dives and gambling protected and open for patronage the lure attracts victims wholesale. Wages are lost which should have been used to support the family. Physical and moral health are impaired, too often beyond recovery.

Oregon parents are concerned. The extent to which Portland parents are concerned may show up in the mayoralty election.

Liquor evils, gambling and social vice are entrenched powerfully in Portland. There is no doubt that owners of night clubs, bookies and dog races hope their former legal representative will be elected governor.

Whether the issue of the home against the underworld will be an issue in the state campaign is something that will have to be determined by others than candidates for the governorship nomination. None of these is likely to throw mud.

What will happen if present conditions are permitted to continue? Sooner or later the home will be aroused. It is not beyond probability that Oregon will be voted dry.—Oregon Voter.

HIGHER PRICES HERE TO STAY?

Most economic opinions say prices will remain permanently up over 1939 levels, despite the hopes of those who looked upon the recent commodities market break as the beginning of a swift toboggan ride to much lower retail levels.

Living costs are now 70 per cent above 1939, a year when you could buy a good five-cent cigar or lunch-sized candy bar, a good pair of \$4 shoes, a \$2.95 man's hat and a good \$17.50 man's suit. Our present living costs likewise are about 48 per cent above those of the bull market year, 1929.

Clearer indication that the buying power of the American nickel and dime has been worn permanently thinner is found in the Five and Ten cent stores. In 1939 one company reported that two-thirds of all merchandise sold was priced at under 50 cents. Today that two-thirds is priced at under \$1.

WHAT LEFTISTS THINK

On our desk is a copy of the Daily Worker, the communist mouthpiece of the nation. This is the first copy of the Daily Worker we have seen. Few if any copies of this paper probably reach this community, but a glance at the context of the paper gives one a fair idea of what the leftists are thinking.

Racial prejudice, class hatred, oppression and violent opposition to the Marshall plan are played up for all their worth in the issue we saw. The communist writers apparently go to great pains to convey to the readers the thought that they should feel sorry for themselves and the Communist party offers the only hope in a frame of mind of this sort.

An airman had to parachute to safety owing to engine trouble. On the way down through space he met an old lady floating up. "Have you noticed a Spitfire going down?" he shouted. "No," yelled the old lady. "Have you seen a gas stove going up?"

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

The accelerated Russian drive for the control of Europe, the Marshall Plan legislation, and Presidential politics are the three hot subjects here now—and in the order listed.

The Communist take-over of Czechoslovakia was of paramount importance in the present international situation mostly for the reason that the Russian government pulled off its mask of benignity and advanced with cold steel, Czechoslovakia has been considered a Russian satellite since the war ended. That country has never been considered one of the countries of Europe to be counted among the Western democracies. It is not one of the 16 nations in the Marshall Plan. It is not of particular importance in a news sense that Czechoslovakia remains in the Russian orbit. The important fact is that Russia has now revealed that she is not interested in having a closely knit family of self-governing nations around her. The Communists want absolute control over all of the people in their sphere of "influence."

The free government of Italy is the next one marked for destruction. With the Russian take-over of Italy, it is guessed here that we will be unceremoniously ushered out of Trieste and Berlin, Italy, therefore, becomes the crisis area. The Communist drive there is to win the government by a "legal" election April 18th. In my opinion, formed after a visit there last fall, the people of Italy will not, of their own free will, vote a Communist government into power. They can, and possibly will, be intimidated by the armed and fairly well organized Communist minority. After all, not many years ago, Mussolini's "Black Shirts" took over without much difficulty.

The only glimmer of hope in the whole terrifying and confusing situation is that the people of Europe now know that to "play ball" with the Russians means going under the Russian dictatorship—and the people of Europe have already suffered much at the hands of dictators. They surely will resist to the extent that they are able to do so.

What effect the developments in Europe will have on Congressional action on the Marshall Plan remains to be seen. I have just talked with several prominent members of the House representing different areas. Their answers to my inquiry regarding the outcome of the Marshall Plan bill in the house were about equally divided. Some believe we should wait and see—and then perhaps reduce the amount. Others think we should put on full speed now and pass the authorization and the appropriation in the maximum amount.

Under the head of Presidential politics, I can report the following: Dewey supporters were pleased with the election results in New Hampshire. Stassen supporters feel he showed splendid strength there. McArthur boosters are beginning to organize, and I have seen some McArthur lapel buttons. The ranks of the Democrats are temporarily at least, pretty well shot to pieces so far as the Presidential election is concerned.

Two Tax Levies on Primary Ballot

In addition to the candidate list and the county manager plan, Lane county voters will have opportunity to pass on two tax levies which will also appear on the ballots. On March 11, the Lane county court placed the matter of road improvements up to the voters by signing an order. Voters will be asked to approve or reject the proposed 2.5 mill levy outside of the six per cent limitation for the improvement of county roads. The levy would run to five years or until the sum of \$790,000 was raised.

After approving a 2 mill levy here in 1944 to improve roads and bridges of this section and to provide postwar employment, which was never applied to local roads, voters of this section may be leary of approving the proposed 2.5 mills, unless some assurance is given by the commissioners court that the money will be spent where the tax is collected.

The court also placed a \$25,000 tax proposal on the primary ballot, to be raised in one year at the rate of two fifths of a mill, outside of the six per cent limitation to provide a meeting place for veterans. A law passed last year by the state legislature provides that counties may assist cities in providing such service.

BIGGEST BOMB DROPPED

The Air Force announced Thursday it has dropped the world's largest bomb—a 42,000 pounder.

The 21-ton test bomb was dropped from a B-29 Superfortress at the Muroc, Cal., Air Base recently. The bomb was not loaded. The large bomb previously dropped weighed 25,000 pounds.

The huge bombs are specially designed for deep penetration of earth and concrete. Previous tests were made on a former German submarine assembly plant near Bremen in a joint operation by the British and Americans.

Englishwoman's Letter Gets Reply

(Continued from page 1) be easy in his trade, shouldn't it? —"I will get in touch with you on this subject as you ever know and since knowing you, America has appealed to me far more than our Dominion. Canada is too cold—we can keep it for me. New Zealand seems at the end of the world. I wouldn't want to go there or to Australia."

These are excerpts from a few of Mrs. Parry's letters to us. We did write and invite them to try America if they found life so difficult there. Another letter from them stated their doctor had said the children were beginning to show signs of malnutrition and "prospects" of growing worse. "Leslie gets but 6 pounds per week (about \$24.00 in our money). Coal is rationed and unless one has children under 3 years or is over 70 years of age very little fire for heat is permitted at all and it's very cold and dreary here." —"Leslie will be glad to do any kind of work and is thrilled about Bill buying the sawmill and simply asks to get there and help, etc., etc., etc."

After they decided to come to America, my son Bill mortgaged his Mack logging trucks to get sufficient funds to buy the little sawmill. ... Niles joined in the same manner, thereby also mortgaging his Mack logging truck, for the mill was incomplete and needed the purchase of much, much more to properly set it in motion.

Leslie arrived on Jan. 18, Sunday, and Monday morning donned the new work clothes Bill gave him and went to the mill with Roy, my husband, who runs the mill as the boys continued their log hauling for the same logging company for whom they've been working several years.

He knew, she knew before they came exactly the kind of job Leslie would have. They lived with us and we made every effort to be kind and understanding. We had written them all about our simple farm house, such numerous pictures and were very careful to not misrepresent anything.

Alas, I sensed Edna's disappointment from the first. The children are beautiful little things, and with proper training could be a joy. But—in all my days I never saw little children so completely untrained. Tantrum of screaming protest and destructiveness. The parents "not permitting anyone to take anything from their children," made a constant anxiety shared by each of us for our personal possessions from fountain pens to dishes and furniture and Edna's definite fury because we have our dinner at night when the men return from work. "In England we have our main meal at noon and serve a simple tea in the evening—in England the children are the chief concern—not the men." Now Leslie was a carpenter in England and rode a "deplorable" motorcycle there to England's "cool and dreary" climate and yet she felt the "main meal" should be at noon there. Poor lady, I noticed he ate with relish the evening meal here and despite her claims of going hungry here, our evening "tea" consists of meat, gravy, vegetable, some salad of greens, varied of course, and there's always fruit as we have at least 300 fruit trees and I always can hundreds of quarts. We also have canned green beans and tomatoes, beets, etc., etc. We raise our own meat and maintain two cold lockers in town. One at Fred Anderson's and one at the ice plant. We have about 150 chickens, turkeys, 5 cows and numerous young stock and at present 7 hogs. It would be almost harder to go hungry here than to do anything else. I told Edna, "There is the kitchen—you prepare ANYTHING you want at any time you want it" and we kept lots of canned soup, beans, tuna, etc. which she could always prepare for herself and children at noon. We always have on hand peanut butter, various jams, honey, bread, butter and bakery goods. Despite this she was very provoked because we continued the "dinner at night" rules. She never helped in any manner about the home and permitted the children to make things chaotic as fast as we tidied them.

One night I was rolling pie dough and the little boy persisted in grabbing it. I waited for his parents, both present, to correct him but as they didn't, I picked him up, placed him on a chair and said, "Until you are a nice boy you must sit there. Needless to say he got down at once and went over and kicked the cat. Still no remonstrance from his parents. Our son Bill, who had witnessed it all, strode forward and said very friendly, "Now, Edna, we've stood enough from your little brats and I'm not going to have my old mother a slave for anyone. You have done absolutely not one hand's turn to help her in the two

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor, The letter from the English woman certainly is an "eye opener" only I hope the community will open the other eye when they hear the other side of the story. Just one more case of a foreigner playing the soft hearted American for a fool.

This woman evidently thought she was sending her pathetic plea far enough away from here that no one would know the actual facts of the matter and consequently she was showered with sympathy in the form of gifts and bills. Now it was her heart's desire to get to America and seems to have the idea that after they got here she would be treated as Lord and Lady So and so at other people's expense. He especially couldn't be a common laborer. That is for our men. The men and women too of this family that invited them over here work yet they were more than willing to share with them had they shown any inclination to appreciate it in the least. I have known her host and hostess for many years and one would have to go a long way to find a more courteous and hospitable family. If her children went hungry it was because she was too lazy to cook for them because the fact was stressed that she was welcome to anything in the house and I know there was plenty there. But no, she wanted the lady of the house to slave for her and even tried to dictate as to the time of the heavy meal. She even goes so far as to say we Americans spoil our men by cooking an evening meal over them. Also we ruin our children with discipline, they are not allowed to express themselves. Well for my part I don't care to have my children expressing themselves by running over the house with a butcher knife if they choose or at the glass doors with the stove poker.

If her husband is only working part time now it is their own fault. While with the young man who had promised him employment he worked six days a week, \$1.50 per hour with time and a half for Sat. But shortly after this young man got them a furnished house and paid \$100.00 for the first month's rent on it to avoid having his mother worked to death for them, her husband left his employ because she needed him to go to town with her on Sat. so she said. Now I am sure most any American woman could manage some way if it meant good steady work or otherwise for her husband and would have too much pride to send out a pitiful S.O.S. in a letter that is full of untruths. If you ask me the "fake" is reversed.

I am sorry that this unpleasant termination to what could have been a very pleasant and happy friendship and I sincerely wish them success and contentment in England to which they are returning.

Very sincerely, Marguerite Manbeck (Mrs. R. H. Manbeck)

Yesterday the Sentinel received a letter from Mrs. Parry and shortly after receiving it, also received a call from a representative of the county welfare commission. This representative had a copy of the same paper from which we clipped the letter of last week.

The letter from Mrs. Parry: To the editor: In your last issue you reproduced a letter of mine and since this may have caused distress to certain people, I would be grateful if you would publish this too.

When writing early in February, I was under great emotional strain and feeling very acutely the absence of home comforts and well loved friends.

Since then, I have found your little town both friendly and hospitable, its citizens very kind and generous, for which I am most grateful indeed.

In a few weeks I am returning to England with the children as my father-in-law has booked my passage.

I would like to thank our many sympathetic friends in Cottage Grove and assure them that, had I met them earlier I would have stayed here.

Yours faithfully, E. E. Parry.

Pacific Coast Absorbs 60 Million Feet Douglas Fir

PORTLAND, March 17—Oregon, Washington and California's burgeoning construction industry has absorbed approximately 60 million more feet of Douglas fir lumber during the first two months of 1948 than it did during a similar period in 1947, according to H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

This has been welcome winter business to West Coast sawmills whose eastern markets have been badly disrupted due to extremely severe weather conditions, Simpson pointed out.

Oregon and Washington took 155,192,000 feet during the first eight weeks of 1948, compared to 107,864,000 feet in 1947. California water shipments jumped from 34,980,000 in 1947 to 39,028,000 in 1948. Rail business into California has increased proportionately.

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Preparations Are Underway for the Oregon Centennial

The following letter from Governor John Hall is self explanatory and tells of some of the plans to promote Oregon's Centennial celebration:

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Dear Mr. Editor: In 1948 Oregon celebrates the Centennial Anniversary of the admittance of the Oregon Territory into the United States. Thus this year will be an important one because of the opportunity it presents for us to build our tourist business, which is now a major industry ranging with agriculture and lumbering.

For us to continue to increase our annual tourist income as we have in the past, further education is needed. Such increases as the \$1 million dollar tourist expenditure in the state in 1947, can not be continued without effort on the part of all Oregonians. The unified intra-state program carried forward in the past two years is being expanded in 1948. The Governor's Tourist Committee, the Oregon Advertising Club and the Travel and Information Department of the Oregon State Highway Commission, have cooperated in planning a widespread public information campaign for April 11 to and including April 17, 1948.

I feel that the program, which has my full approval, is most important to the state. Its success in a large part must necessarily rest

upon full publicity. The Tourist Host Committee of the Oregon Advertising Club will be calling upon you for assistance and cooperation. I will appreciate anything you can do to assist in this very worthy effort to make better friends for the state of Oregon among the visitors who will be coming to see us this year and in the years to come.

Anything you can do to acquaint and educate the citizens of your community as to the economic importance of the tourist industry, and to inspire those who contact tourists to higher standards of service and information concerning our state and its resources, will be most helpful.

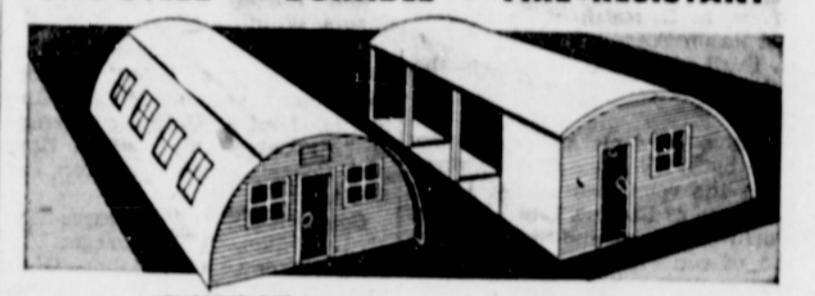
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