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Initiative Breaks Thru the Curtain

One organization which has an extra dose of spark and of initiative, it seems to us, is Radio Free Europe. Supported by millions of free Americans through the Crusade for Freedom, Radio Free Europe has been helping to spike the Kremlin plan to use Central and Eastern Europe as the springboard for new conquests.

The Kremlin obviously hoped to integrate that area's crucially important captive states into its war machine. It has chained 70,000,000 citizens in Central and Eastern Europe, but still has not captured their hearts and minds. The millions of Americans who have backed the Crusade for Freedom have helped these 70 million to remain free in spirit, to maintain their hope of liberty, to hold fast to their will to resist.

Radio Free Europe uses 21 powerful medium and short-wave transmitters to broadcast its message throughout the day and night into Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Albania. That its broadcasts are effective is amply proven by the testimony of escapees from Red Rule, by the letters the Crusade receives from inside captive Europe and by the violence of the Kremlin's attacks on RFE. President Eisenhower has underlined the urgency of public support for the Crusade. The cost of keeping men free in spirit is high, though the efficient character of the Crusade probably keeps it lower than might be expected. More transmitters are needed if ever-increasing Soviet jamming attempts are to be frustrated and if the message of hope and freedom is to reach more and more people. Much can be done; a great deal will be lost if we fail to enlist our full support. You can join and participate in this Crusade by sending one dollar or more to our local post office c/o Sam Veatch.

This Is an Election Year

This is an election year and voters as members of the biggest corporation on earth, the government, will have opportunity to keep our people the best governed in the world by exercising their franchise. Selecting the right candidate isn't easy, if you don't happen to know him or her personally, but we believe the time is here when some investigation on your part will pay you and the country big dividends. Anybody has a right to run for office, this being a free country, but at times we have been pretty certain that about all the good some candidates do is to muddy the water. You might live to regret voting for the candidate who makes the most noise because the chances are that he may be going on the old theory that the wheel that squeaks the loudest gets the grease and would not make much of a wheel if elected.

Personally we would hate to see the state or nation veer to the right or left. We think progress is being made at the present time and if given time enough, we can work out these problems without getting any more socialistic or communistic than we are. Sometimes the so-called progressive steps can only be inaugurated at the expense of our personal liberties, which make it bad.

We hope that good men or women can be prevailed upon to get into politics, if that is the accepted term. There was never a time they were needed worse. Capable, honest and competent men and women are particularly needed in some of the higher offices. They are needed too, where to serve as on the city council, means often a personal sacrifice.

The thing we are primarily concerned about is to bring about a more intelligent voting, where with some study or investigation on your part, you can go to the polls and vote your choice without asking someone to tell you how to vote.

Interesting, if Morbid

We recently read some rather morbid, yet interesting, news in the Dallas, Ore., Itemizer-Observer. The paper reported that 178 deaths were reported in its columns during 1953, the greatest number for any year.

According to the newspaper, the 1952 total was 172, and other previous years were as follows: 1951, 128; 1950, 138; 1949, 142; 1948, 128; and 1947, 124.

Not all of the deaths occurred in Polk county, but the Itemizer-Observer said all were of significance to Dallas, the county or some of its residents. Some were former Dallas residents who had moved elsewhere, and some were relatives of local persons. The paper pointed out that on the other hand, a number were those who died in accidents in the county after coming from elsewhere.

Average age of the deceased for 1953 was 59.3 years. This compared with averages of former years as follows: 1952, 60.8; 1951, 64.5; 1950, 62.5; 1949, 60.1.

The newspaper added that the list could not be considered a complete one.

The report went on to list each death by name, age, date and place. Like we said before, it contained interesting, if somewhat morbid news. However, The Itemizer-Observer certainly prepared an article that will be read by the majority of its readers.

Incidentally, did you ever realize that obituaries are read by more than 75 percent of newspaper readers. Outstanding example of how well-read an obit page is The New York Herald Tribune which runs, daily, at least one page. That paper goes into full detail, concerning background of the deceased, etc., and its page is thoroughly perused.

When one begins to wonder the "why" of the readership, the answer becomes quite clear. For the most part, the deceased are either personal acquaintances or have been read about often. And, after all, one likes to know about one's friends. (L.O.)

Are Girls Better Drivers Than Boys?

A good future argument, "Are girls better auto drivers than boys?" The Oregon State Motor association thinks so because three out of five people taking driver's training in the high school are girls. In 1953 the association says more than 1,750,000 high school youths took the behind the wheel driving course and three out of five in this group were girls. The hint that women will eventually be superior drivers is based on the knowledge that a graduate of a high school driving course figures in less than half as many accidents and violations as drivers of the same age group, who have not had the course.

Boys generally start driving earlier than girls, the survey shows, and one out of five boys enrolled had driver's licenses before starting, but only one out of 20 girls were qualified before the course. More than 12,000 teachers have been giving instructions in the AAA course accepted by the educational authorities.

Letter From Washington

Postal Rate Raise Held Likely in Near Future

By Harris Ellsworth
Representative, Fourth District

A few people have taken me to task for sponsoring a bill to authorize the development of a harbor at Gold Beach—at the mouth of the Rogue River. I am also working as hard as I can toward the development of deep water shipping facilities in Chetco Cove at Brookings and for other harbor improvements along the Oregon coast in our congressional district. Critics of such activity who are well meaning, and as right as they can be in their desire for government economy, should realize that government expenditures generally fall into two classes—one, the operating cost of government, and two, expenditures for capital improvement. The first category is where the waste is and where efficiency and economy are so necessary. The second classification, beneficial public works, pay back their cost in benefits and develop our country for the future of our expanding population.

Naturally I am devoted to the idea of stopping waste and cutting costs. On the other hand, I firmly believe in the investment of federal funds on projects which are properly in the realm of federal activity and which are provably sound from a pay-back standpoint.

Oregon is long on resources but a bit short on transportation. This is especially true in the Oregon coast area. Curry County is a glaring example. The development of the mineral and timber re-

sources there, which can only be accomplished with water transportation, will be of great benefit to the entire country. In the long run the benefits will equal many times the cost of the projects.

You can understand my delight, then, in being able to report to the people of Bandon that the Army Engineers plan to spend some \$174,000 this year in restoring the south jetty and expect to complete the job next year. The south jetty at the Port of Bandon has been disintegrating for years. Two serious shipwrecks there recently have been almost directly traceable to the treacherous situation created at the entrance of the harbor by the broken jetty.

It seems likely that postage rates will be raised although the bill has not been reported from committee yet. The talk is that the cost of mailing a letter will go from 3 cents to 4 cents. In view of the fact that the Post Office Department is running in the red to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and that first class postage has not been advanced for many years while everything else has doubled in price, an increase would seem to be justified.

In a way, though, you will get a little more for your money when you buy a stamp. There is a rumor abroad to the effect that the Department is planning to put out stamps which are printed in several colors. Such stamps will be much prettier but they will cost far less money—to print, that is. It is planned to change from the 107-year-old hand engraving method to a modern rotogravure process.

National Book Award Winner Says "Newspaper Is 'Real' Historian"

In accepting the National Book Award gold medal for the year's most distinguished book of non-fiction, "A Stillness at Appomattox," Bruce Catton, the author, spoke in part as follows:

A newspaperman is a historian without knowing it. He does what the historian does: which is to say that he tries to find out exactly what happened and, having found out, tries to tell about it so that people who were not there may know what was going on. And as he does all of this he has to remember that it is not up to him to prove anything in particular. He is a vehicle for something a great deal larger than himself—the voice of the simple truth about human beings.

It is enough for him to show what men did in time of stress; to show what they did, and how they did it, and perhaps what it cost them. If he does that honestly, without letting his own preconceived notions get in the way, he may find that he has also shown a little of why they did it and what it all meant.

For the singular fact is that both the reporter and the historians are dealing with a very elusive quality: the strange and magnificent fact that the whole of what men do, when they are lifted out of themselves by some great challenge, is somehow greater than the sum of its parts.

The men who fought in our Civil

War were not shining knights in armor, nor did what was happening to them impress them as a chapter out of high romance. They were simply men with a mean job to do, and they responded to a complex of emotional drives ranging all the way from fear of the top-sergeant's scowl to a simple desire to get the thing over with. They endured much, for ends which they could not understand.

We cannot see all of it ourselves, for the truth we seek when we study the Civil War is a hint rather than a final revelation. And what both the reporter and the historian are really looking at is people on the march.

But we do get a hint, now and then. What we see, if we look closely, is that the sum of small victories won by individual human weakness, and doubt, and fear, and the age-old weakness of spirit that man brings into the world for all of us; a victory over something which we cannot quite define but which, by the faith that is in us, we know we must in the end defeat. Out of sight, somewhere, something great is moving. When reporter or historian does his job faithfully, now and then we get a glimpse of it.

I suppose that this award for which I am so deeply grateful is simply a recognition of that fact.

—Christian Science Monitor

CG Hi Honor Roll Lists 81 Students

The honor roll of Cottage Grove Union High School is made up of those students receiving an average of 2 grade or better with a satisfactory grade in citizenship. The following is the honor roll for this semester.

Average of "1" Grade

Seniors: Myrtle Johnson, Carole McCracken.

Juniors: Phyllis Higdon.

Average of "1.5" Grade, and Above

Seniors: Willo Dene Lyon.

Juniors: Charles Land, Thora Seaver, Mary Lou Wolfard.

Sophomores: Jennie Brown, Joyce Carpenter, Malcolm Clark, Elaine Oster, Bill Randall, Carol Theil.

Freshmen: Ann Chapman, Frances Jarrard, Joan Kulm.

Average of "2" Grade

Seniors: LeRoy Broughton, Lois Cann, Yvonne Chaffee, Marilyn Clark, Ray Coleman, Jerrie Culvey, Bob Dalberg, Verna Davenport, Dick Heath, Claudette Kime, Jo Krieg, Jaunita Odum, LaVelle Schilling, Larry Stanley, Sara Summers, Don Tonole, Roberta Wells.

Juniors: Jack Barlow, Jeanette Beck, Marilyn Cannon, Charles Coston, Kathleen Gillispie, Larry Grewelle, Connie Heckman, Mabel Kief, Dolly Kominek, Dick McDowell, Joe Petrovich, Roberta Rickard, Jerry Sears, Pat Thomas, Dean Tibbets, Jeanne Voss, Margaret Wulff.

Sophomores: Bill Aspelin, Marie Bosch, Connie Chase, Marilyn Cook, Billie Culvey, Carol Darnwood, Dale Dawson, Karol Funk, Joe Griggs, Craig Hickok, Darla Hogate, Glenda Hudson, Norma Johnson, Juanita Nance, Paul Randall, Ed Rentz, Francis Rothauge, Bud Stewart, Bill Vertrees, Darlene Wilson.

Freshmen: Maxine Buettner, Jim Davis, Marlene Guggisberg, Nancy Huggdahl, Ninette Lindsey, Karen Oatney, Theodore Picknell, Lois Puderbaugh, Beatrice Purcell, Terrell Stein, George Woodworth. —Lions Roar

FALSE FIRE ALARM

Firemen answered an alarm Friday which came from the Chapman Lumber company. It turned out to be a smoke scare resulting from some old yard the Chapmans were burning. The call came at 4:25 p.m. The lumber company is located on Highway 99 South across from Robbins Rest.

Oregon 1954 Press Conference Slated For February 19-20

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—February 19 and 20 are the dates scheduled for the 1954 Press Conference. The conference, sponsored annually on the University of Oregon campus by the school of journalism and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association, will bring to Eugene as speakers, a group of distinguished journalists. These will include William F. Johnston, managing editor and editor of the editorial page, Lewiston (Idaho) Morning Tribune, who will be the Eric Allen Memorial lecturer; Miss Gladys Bowen, society editor of the Oregonian, Portland; State Senator Stewart Hardie of the Condon Globe-Times and Fossil Journal; Robert W. Chandler of the Bend Bulletin; Philip N. Bladine of the McMinnville News-Register; and Giles L. French of the Sherman County Journal, Moro.

Friday lecture sessions of the conference will be held on the campus, except for the annual banquet which is scheduled for the Eugene Hotel. All of Saturday's meetings will be held in the Eugene Hotel.

Too Late to Classify

WANTED: Room and board for elderly person. Downstairs room with heat. Write EH, Box 66, Cottage Grove 27-1te

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FOR RENT: Modern upstairs 3-room furnished apartment. Downtown, elec. refrigerator, gas for cooking. Private bath. Ideal for one or two working people. 634 Main, Dr. Hagen, Ph. 30. 27-2tc-28

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FOR RENT: Furnished or unfurnished one-bedroom house with bath, garage, garden. \$42. Ph. 113213, or 773R mornings and evenings. 27-1te

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Fire Destroys

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Burned Telephone

and lost her possessions at the Roberts home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts escaped with minor scratches, but lost all their belongings. Fire Chief Ernest Shipley said the home and belongings were covered by \$3,000 insurance.

As firemen arrived at the scene of the conflagration, they were again delayed when their tanker truck went through a private bridge near the burning home.

Cause of the fire was thought to have been an overheated wood stove which set fire to kindling placed near the stove to dry.

Immediate assistance to the family was given by Red Cross. The Roberts are now living in a home on the R. L. Sederger farm in Delight Valley. Mrs. Sederger is the local Red Cross representative.

The burned home was constructed from varnished slabs. It was built in a T shape. Roberts is employed at Woodards.



MISS AGNES PLAISTED, local telephone operator. Her work in getting through the call to the Fire Department concerning the burning Roberts home was commended by CG Pacific T & T manager Bill Hawkins.

Hobby Club Members View Model Plane Films

More than 20 members of the Cottage Grove Hobby club met in the Council Chambers of City Hall to view moving pictures of model airplanes in flight and discuss ways and means of finding adequate space to meet and work with their hobbies.

The motion pictures showed model planes in flight belonging to Grover Moore, local flight enthusiast. Moore spoke to the group and explained the features of several model planes he had constructed and brought with him to the meeting. He is a "free flight" advocate.

What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child that must the community want for all its children.—John Dewey.

Pencil Sharpeners—The Sentinel

Just Between You and Me

By W. C. Martin

Between Charles and Me

Had a rather nice visit with Charles Brannan, ex-secretary of agriculture at the Dorena grange hall last Friday noon. Most of those attending the luncheon Friday were rather pleasantly surprised to find Mr. Brannan was not as radical as he is popularly supposed to be. Most of the diners thought as we thought that the address Mr. Brannan gave on "What's Ahead in Agriculture," was very good and could not be classed as a political speech, although undoubtedly Mr. Brannan hoped to create enough sentiment among the rural people so that the present rigid farm parity would stay alive.

When told of our situation, where very few farm crops come under the support program, Mr. Brannan said he favored support prices for anybody engaged in agriculture, regardless if the crop was nuts, pigs or what have you. He figures food is just as important in winning wars or keeping the peace as any armaments we may have and said he could not get alarmed at the present farm commodity surpluses because right now the national armament cost exceeds 30 billion dollars. (We learned later the value of the farm surplus is estimated to be about six billion at the present moment.)

Had he remained in the secretary's office the speaker said he would have plugged hard to up the milk surplus because if the per capita consumption of milk had been upped just ten quarts per year per person, we would not have had the problem of what to do with thousands of tons of rancid butter.

In answering questions from the floor after his address, Mr. Brannan brought applause when he stated that he would never sell any of our commodities to the Russians.

If the tradition of long life means anything, Mr. Brannan will likely be around for some time to come as his mother is still spry at 97 and still gives him H—. His father died only a few years ago.

Incidentally, we've checked around with many people, all of whom agree that this is the first time a former cabinet member has done more than just whistle as he passed through Cottage Grove.

Brannan Says Food

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"He pointed out that the continual gain in population in the United States would require more and more food production. 'Otherwise,' he remarked, 'by 1975 we will be dependent on some other portion of the world to supplement our food supply or we will be enjoying a lesser diet than we have today.'"

The former secretary complimented the farmers on their work in increasing production, and suggested that the surplus of food be used to allow us all to eat well, carry on active world trade and permit us to lay aside stocks of food for future reserves. He added that the most significant new purpose of food surplus was the establishment of a peaceful world.

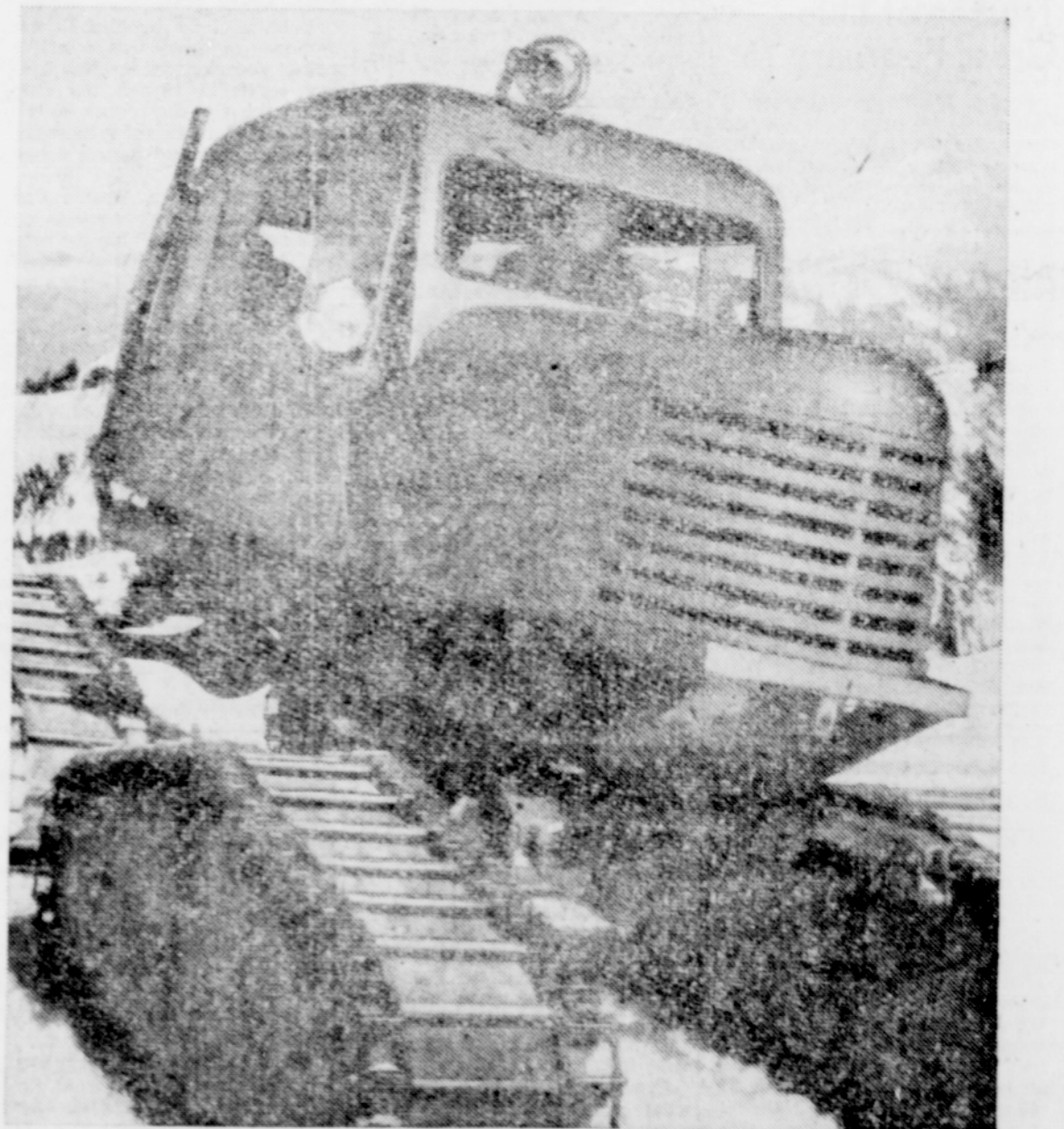
Brannan emphasized the latter by saying he believed food sent to Western Europe after World War II saved it from turning Communist.

"We can't feed all the world," he continued, "but this great colossus of the Western Hemisphere can prove it is friendly by sharing with others. We can also use the surplus as evidence we know how to use lands to produce abundant and tell other nations we can teach them." Brannan said he believed this would plant hope in the hearts of others.

He cited as an example of the good use of surplus the sending of food to Yugoslavia in 1950. "And," he continued, "we saved that nation from taking food from Russia with provisions; from fighting internally, and set the wheels in motion which allowed our first American Military mission to enter Yugoslavia in 1951."

"We did this with 50 million dollars worth of surplus food," Brannan continued, "and it would have taken five billions of weapons to keep that country our friend."

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company. —George Washington



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