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Pro-Communist Bore In

How do pro-communist and gangster elements get control of major labor unions—including unions whose members work in some of the most sensitive defense industries? The answer is found in the apathy of the vast majority of the rank and file members.

That is the startling point made by Victor Riesel in an article appearing in the June 28 issue of The Freeman. Mr. Riesel is a nationally known writer on labor matters, and authors a widely syndicated newspaper column.

He writes, "A union having, say, 20,000 members on its books may be run by the mere half-hundred men who are interested enough to turn out for meetings. It is estimated that this country's 16,000,000 union members, only about 750,000 vote or monitor their officers' financial, industrial and political policies. As a result of this apathy, some unions have become captives of the criminal underworld or Communists."

Mr. Riesel cites some striking examples. He describes a "notorious pro-Soviet" union whose 70,000 members mine such vital metals as copper, nickel and uranium. In an election held last November, no one even opposed the pro-Soviet clique's candidate for president of the organization and less than a third of the membership voted. Moreover, a secretary-treasurer was reelected who had refused to answer this question at a Senate hearing: "Do you feel that you are innocent of any part in a conspiracy to undertake to overthrow the government by force and violence?"

He tells of another case where a strike vote was held in a plant making jet motors. One of the unions involved had some 1100 members in the plant. Only 114 showed up to vote, and 85 of these favored the walkout. "Thus," he observes, "eight percent of the affected membership decided union policy."

In still another case, in a big plant making precision electronic mechanisms, local union policy is decided by 10 to 25 members out of a total of 8,000. Mr. Riesel writes, "This disease of apathy respects no skill, no talent, no occupation."

The exceptions to the dismal record seem to be extraordinarily rare. Mr. Riesel does tell of the head of an electrical workers union in Chicago who has gone to great lengths to rally his 33,000 members against the few organized mobsters and communists who once tried to take over, and has succeeded. He even hires bands and vaudeville acts as attractions, and his union meetings are now the world's largest. He has proved that it is possible to get 15,000 members to attend meetings. "But this Chicago local is unique," Mr. Riesel writes in conclusion. "Neither scandals nor the security of our nation nor pride of organization stirs the vast majority of the nation's 16,000,000 rank-and-file, and labor leadership continues, for the most part, to go by default. It is time that the public, caught up in feuds and shakedowns and espionage and danger of sabotage, put the blame squarely where it belongs."

Ex-County Agent Deserves the Honor

Farmer friends of O. S. Fletcher, former Lane county agricultural agent will pay him a deserved tribute next Sunday when they gather at the Lane County Fairgrounds on July 18, to break bread with him. Few if any agricultural men can look back with as many years of faithful service as "Mr. Agriculture," as Fletcher is familiarly known.

And glimpsing back over the 30 years that Mr. Fletcher served as county agent, he was one of the few to witness a change in the agricultural methods and see the tractor replace the horse as the farm motive power for it has not been many years since Old Dobbin was the mainstay around the farm. And just as many beneficial changes are in store for the farmer, although the late county agent saw the farmers beginning to take an important start thru the use of irrigation.

More important locally perhaps, Fletcher sensed the one-factor economy in South Lane county and fought what then appeared to be a losing fight to restore farming here as an industry. How well he succeeded will not perhaps be known for a few years, but among other things, we have seen irrigation of crop pastures on the increase.

What the county agent was up against then was the problem of making more serious farmers, but the mill wages won the count and as a result, farming technique suffered in South Lane county, thru no fault of Mr. Fletcher, who during the time he served Lane county kept plugging away.

Armory Should Be Kept Up

The Cottage Grove Armory, which is the property of the state is being neglected it seems to us, and is badly in need of repairs and paint. Our information is that Cottage Grove National Guard is second only to one other armory in the state from the standpoint of enlisted men. One informant says that the building has not been painted in over 20 years; it has not had any repairs in over 15 years.

A public building of this sort should be kept in such a manner that the citizens of this and surrounding communities can be proud of it. It should not become an eyesore.

We think if this neglect is called to the attention of the state in a forceful manner, it should bring results.

Bill Would Curb Gambling

Rep. Kenneth B. Keating, Republican of New York has introduced a bill in national congress to curb gambling. The bill is part of a program of anti-crime legislation backed by the American Bar association. A roadblock to the bill is that it would hit Nevada gambling, but if Nevada gambling is considered legal, then it would be excluded.

The bill would prohibit sending thru the mails or interstate commerce (1) any message concerning gambling, (2) any gambling or lottery tickets, (3) any punching board or push cart, (4) any money or checks for gambling purposes or (5) any newspaper containing advertisement for lottery or other gambling entertainment. It would also prohibit radio broadcasting of gambling.

A famous pre-Soviet Russian historian, writing of the Tsarist era, said: "The state swelled, and the people shrank."

That has been true of every all-powerful state since time began—whether communist, socialist, monarchist, or clerical. In every instance, individual rights are destroyed one by one till none are left, and the individual himself becomes a cipher. When the state swells the people shrink!

The bootleggers are turning to coffee beans so we read in the newspapers. Safer for they don't have the revenues on their trail.



SOME OF COTTAGE GROVE'S rodeo fans express their delight in the Buckaroo Breakfast by grinning at the camera. These were part of some 350 people who attended the Saturday morning chow-down.

7,500 Attend Rodeo

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roping: Dale More, Roseburg, first; A. J. Pettigrew, second; L. W. DeWitt, Salem, third, and Buck Standifer, Klamath Falls, fourth. Bull dogging: Bill Kunkle, first; Bill Markley, Creswell, second; Gene Miles, third, and Bill Hartman, fourth.

Sunday winners: Bareback riding second go round: Bill Kunkle, first, Bill Hartman, second; Bob Hardt, Walla Walla, third, and Jack Spurling and Don Stout, Redding, Calif., tied for fourth. Bronc riding: Bill Kunkle, first; Manuel Enos and Don Toelle, Burns, tie for second; Gene Miles, fourth. Bull riding: Jim Madalad, first.

Calf roping second go round: Stub Johnson, Portland, first; A. J. Pettigrew, second; Jim Pyeatt, Salem, third and Buck Standifer, fourth. Bull dogging: Nick Salovich, Portland, first; L. W. DeWitt, second; Gene Miles, third and Bill Kunkle, fourth.

The only injury at the rodeo occurred when Buck Houghton dislocated his shoulder Sunday.

Entertainment at the rodeo was provided by Regina Pierre, Arlee, Montana, trick roper; Louis Cabral, Hollister, Calif., with his three horse Roman fire jump, assisted by Carmel Moore and Johnny Leonard; music by the high school band; drills by the Lane county Girls' Posse and the Lane County Sheriff's Posse and E. O. Albritton, Saginaw, with his Arabian trick horse, Moonlight.

Honorary guest at the rodeo was Red Reynolds of Eugene, KVAL TV star, who rode in the grand entry on Pat Leonard's Arabian horse, Roy-Al.

Responsible for the rodeo was the Cottage Grove Riding Club and its officers: Louis Caldwell, president; Stub Mosby, vice president; John Wells, secretary; Billie Ann Butler, treasurer; Eddie Pyeatt, arena director; Brighton Leonard, advertising; Mrs. O. M. Patten, ticket sales and queen committee chairman; Jim Abbott, dance chairman; Jim Shepherd, parking; Stub Mosby, grounds; Dr. Morris and Dr. Petty, Mills Ambulance; Billie Ann Butler, First Aid; Mrs. John Wells, decorations; John Wells, parade; Adina Mosby, social secretary. The Riding Club also wished to express its thanks for the advertising cooperation of the Sentinel office.

DRIVERS TEST MONDAY

A Drivers License Examiner will be on duty in Cottage Grove Monday, July 19, 1954, at the City Hall, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

MOOSE HOLDS ENROLLMENT

The Moose Lodge will hold enrollment Sunday starting at 1 p.m. in the Moose hall. This is a special enrollment of a large class.

After the enrollment will be a Smorgasbord dinner followed by dancing the rest of the evening. All members and their wives are urged to attend.

Elks Lodge Headed

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succeeding Earl E. James of Oklahoma City.

Born in Newark, N. J., Jernick is the second resident of that state and the 79th man to head the Order of Elks since its foundation 86 years ago. The late Joseph G. Buch, Trenton, N. J., served as Grand Exalted Ruler in 1940-41. Jernick, Production Manager of the Primary Battery Division of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., was the first man elected to two terms as Mayor of Newark, after having been drafted as a candidate both times. He has been active in the affairs of the Nutley Symphony Society and numerous other civic organizations.

The new Ruler of America's Elks for many years headed the youth program and crippled children's activities of the New Jersey State Elks Association. He has been prominent in national affairs of the Order since 1940, having served as Grand Treasurer from 1950 to 1952 and a member of the Board of Grand Trustees from 1952 to the present.

Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler James informed delegates at the opening business session that the Order's membership showed a gain for the 15th consecutive year. The year's gain of 25,800 carried Elks membership to the record high of 1,122,803 as of March 31, James reported. Thirty-five new Lodges organized during the year brought the total to 1,685.

Convention officials predicted an attendance of 50,000 would make it the largest Convention in the Order's history.

Portland Postal Driver School Starts Aug. 16

One of the most comprehensive automobile safety programs on a national scope in the U.S. history has been organized. Growing out of the White House Conference on Highway Safety early this year, 793 government postal employees in 758 cities will be trained as instructors in driver training for personnel now driving 84,619 vehicles for the United States Post Office Department, it has been announced by the Oregon State Motor Association. Six experts in driver training for the American Automobile Association will begin the intensive training courses on July 12 in Denver, St. Paul and Syracuse.

Portland will hold a regional school for the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska, to train 36 as instructors to teach the postal employees in this region. Every city operating five or more trucks will send a representative to the five-day course which begins in Portland on August 16. Ralph Thomas, AAA driver training authority from Philadelphia, will conduct the course, according to K. A. Humphrey, post office training coordinator in Portland.

Trainees will receive intensive automobile safety training behind the-wheel and class-room instruction of eight hours a day for five days with 20 hours of home work.

Hungry fans leaving seats for quick snacks at some ball parks this summer will find TV sets at hot dog stands, so they won't miss a thing.

Heart Attack Fatal To Bus Passenger

By Mrs. Ruby Meacham Phone 998R4

A heart attack was fatal to John Stanton, 65, a passenger on a Greyhound bus Saturday, July 10, as he was enroute to his home at Kamloops, B. C. from San Mateo, Calif. Mr. Stanton took sick between Cottage Grove and Creswell, and was taken from the bus at Creswell and brought to Cottage Grove hospital by Creswell ambulance. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the local hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton had been visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Susie Hurlburt, San Mateo, and with another sister, Mrs. Odessa Snow of Natick, Mass., who was also at the Hurlburt home. This was the first reunion of the two sisters and brother in 40 years. He was born May 10, 1889, in Digby county, Nova Scotia. Mr. Stanton was a member of the Pentecostal Church and a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his widow; one son and one granddaughter.

The body was shipped to Deyers Funeral Home at Kamloops by Mills Mortuary.

Miss Lula Currin

Lula Wynne Currin, a life-long resident of the Cottage Grove area, passed away at a rest home in Eugene on Wednesday, July 14, 1954, at the age of 74 years. Miss Currin was born at Creswell on December 4, 1879, the daughter of James Polk Currin and Melia Perkins Currin, members of early Oregon pioneer families. She was a graduate of the University of Oregon, class of 1904, and taught in Cottage Grove high school from 1906 until her retirement in 1936. Miss Currin was a member of the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church. She is survived by one brother, Hugh Currin of Eugene, Mrs. Parry Yob and two grandnephews of Missoula, Mont.

Funeral services will be held at Mills Mortuary in Cottage Grove on Friday, July 16, 1954, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. D. Hugh Peniston will officiate with interment in Shields Cemetery.

Storm Sewer Bids

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plete total including both bids is \$38,226.47.

City Engineer Coirner was thus authorized to contact the city attorney to make out the proper contracts.

Discuss Street Sweeper

"This town is filthy; we need a street sweeper," said Mayor Crepeau when discussing the possible purchase of a street cleaner.

The budget allows \$5000 for this equipment while the estimated cost of one is \$10,000. This could be bought either on a lease with half of it paid this year, or with cash. If bought with cash, the balance could come from the highway equipment fund on the budget.

The city engineer was authorized to draw up specifications for the sweeper and call for bids.

In other business, a petition was read from the Cottage Grove Gas Company, asking to change the name to Cottage Grove Gas Co., Inc. Ordinance 1466 was accordingly read the third time which allows this change and the Council passed it.

A motion was also passed to allow \$500 for improvements in the city park. Recreation Director Bob Dusenberry had requested a basketball backboard to be erected, a black-topped semicircle to go with it, and lighting over the tennis court making it possible to rollerskate or square dance.

The legality of punch boards being licensed in Cottage Grove was discussed and it was decided to have City Attorney Lombard write to the state Attorney General asking for advice.

MOTH EDITOR

SEES WHOPPING MOTH

The moth editor of the Sentinel was in receipt of a whopping moth which was caught Sunday night while flying around the porch of Mrs. Marge Brandness. The wing spread of the moth was believed to measure in excess of five and a half inches.

Old Timers Picnic To Be Held Aug. 8

By Mrs. Ruby Meacham Phone 998R4

CURTIN—The Old Timers Picnic will be held August 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sowles. Anyone wishing to come is welcome. Dinner is at noon.

Miss LaVona Morgan came to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Max Ames last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinette from Eureka, Calif., are visiting at the Gene Boss home.

A family reunion and picnic was held Sunday at the Willis Booher home. Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. Walter DeBoer and family of Ashland; Philip and Harry Holt families of Creswell; Clayton Payne of Prairie City; Mrs. Flora Holt, Mrs. Grace Goins and family and the Willis Booher family, all of Curtin.

The North Douglas Grange held its regular meeting Friday evening where it was decided to postpone the rummage and cooked food sale until a later date.

The North Douglas Home Economics meeting will be held at the Grange hall Thursday, with an all day meeting and potluck at noon. Women are planning on working on the quilt for the fair in August.

Jimmy, Jackie and Janice Deeds rode in the rodeo at Yoncalla July Fourth. Marvin Deeds took part in the wild cow milking contest and also rode in the saddle club. Jimmy rode a calf in the wild calf contest.

Mrs. John Sowles returned from Ketchikan, Alaska, Tuesday where she visited her daughter, Mrs. O. H. Newlin and sons. She reports a very wonderful trip, but lots of rain. She also visited the Elwood Rickmans and they wished Mrs. Sowles to extend a greeting to their many friends in Cottage Grove, the Martins of the Sentinel, the Karl Mills and Mrs. Harold Axley. Mrs. Sowles got some very good pictures of the Rickman twins. They were the first twins born in the new Cottage Grove hospital.

Patricia Ann Thompson of Rogue River spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sowles and attended the rodeo in Yoncalla.

Mrs. George Hale of Oregon City spent a couple of days this week with her sister, Mrs. John Sowles, formerly Marjorie Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mathews and boys of Clatskanie spent several days visiting Mrs. George Cavey and Mrs. John Sowles, aunts of Mrs. Mathews. Mr. Mathews teaches and is a coach at the Clatskanie school.

Speaking of industrial ingenuity; for years the researchers of a chewing gum manufacturer tried to develop a gum that wouldn't stick to plastic dentures. No luck. Then, just recently, they announced they had developed plastic dentures—that wouldn't stick to gum!

Dorena Boy Home After Observation

By Mrs. Ruth St. Clair Phone 68438

DORENA — Randy LaBlue, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Phelan (Buddy) LaBlue, returned to his home last Friday after spending six days in a Portland children's hospital where he was under observation while undergoing tests and examinations.

On Friday, July 9, a number of old neighbors and friends gathered at the Ralph Plaisted home on Mosby Creek for an old-fashioned "building bee." The Plaisteds are former neighbors of Dorena and have recently moved to their new home. While the men worked on the house, the ladies prepared a bountiful dinner which was served out of doors. Those attending from the Dorena area were Messrs. and Mmes. Wayne Vaughn, Lee Thomason, William Vaughn, Lee Giles, Raymond Wicks, Henry Snauer, O. W. Noeth, also Robert Owen, Alvis Wicks and Ernie Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brattin and daughters returned Thursday after visiting relatives in Missouri for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Burnett of Shelton, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Collier, were guests of the Otto Howertons on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Freeman and Leslie accompanied Mrs. Freeman's parents, the Roy Ewings of Cottage Grove, to Newark and Fortuna, Calif., where they visited relatives. They returned to their home Monday after visiting many points of interest during their 12-day trip. Claudia visited her cousin, Susan Freeman, in Gowsdyville, and Nan Marie visited in Cottage Grove during her parents' absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo W. Brittain and family have recently moved to their new home in Eugene.

Attend Church Camp
Mrs. Dell Crawford and Joan Crawford, daughter of the Oliver Crawfords, who attended a church camp meeting last week at Brooks, Oreg., returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Johnson and family of Garabaldi, were Monday visitors at the Ivel Humphreys' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shoberg and John Leftoy spent several days on a trip down the coast, returning to their home last Thursday. They went as far as Crescent City, Calif., coming home through Grants Pass via the inland route. A very interesting and enjoyable side-trip was made when they took the mail boat at Wedderburn on the Rogue River for a trip up the river to Agness and back the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor of Tracy, Calif., were visitors at the Otto Howertons home on Friday. Mr. Taylor is a nephew of the Howertons.

Elbert Bright returned home Thursday, July 8, after spending two weeks visiting relatives in

Oklahoma and Texas.
Seaman Richard Wicks, son of Mrs. Avenelle Wicks, was home for the weekend before reporting for duty in San Francisco. He expects to be stationed in San Diego for several months. Mrs. Wicks and small daughter will remain with her parents, the William Olsons of Delight Valley, while he is away. The Olson and Wicks families enjoyed a picnic by the Dorena Lake, to celebrate the Fourth and the homecoming of the younger Wicks family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCormack spent several days in Portland with their son and family, returning to their home last Thursday. While there they attended a family picnic on the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ryel and family were called to Richmond, Calif., last week due to the illness of Ryel's father. They returned home Saturday, leaving the elder Mr. Ryel improved.

Humphreys' Store will close at 12 o'clock on Saturday, July 17. Frank Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rose, left Tuesday for Portland, to report for duty in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shoberg and John Leftoy spent the week end in Colton visiting relatives.

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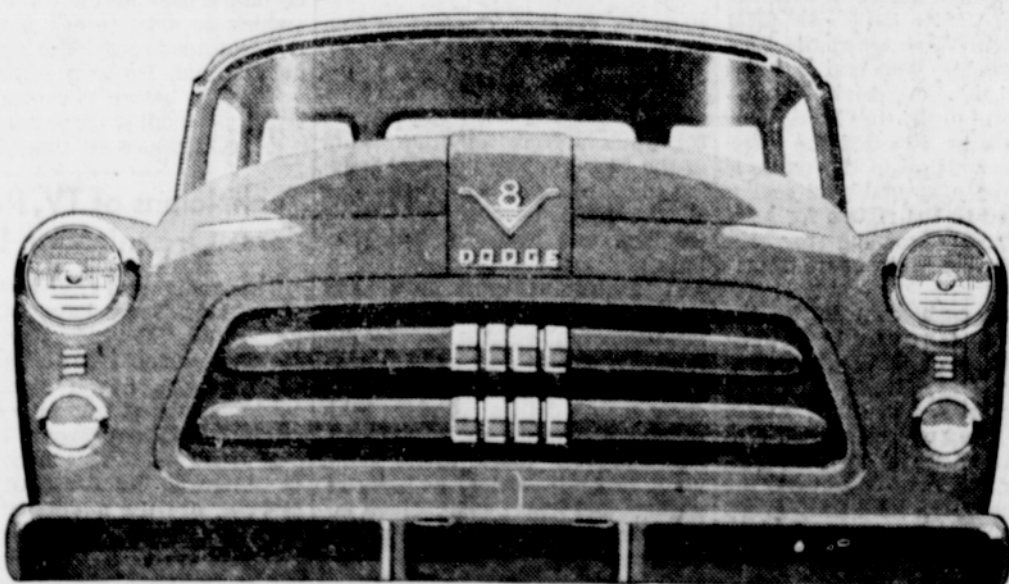
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