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Dellenback Reports

by Rep. John Dellenback

The Federal Government In The Fight Against Drug Abuse

The use--and abuse--of drugs was once almost exclusively a problem of big city slums. More recently, drug abuse reached the college campus. And now, at a frightening pace, the drug problem has spread to suburbs, small towns, and rural areas at both the high school and junior high levels. Even in Oregon. What used to be an isolated urban problem has become a nationwide disgrace and a nationwide tragedy. In the years between 1960 and 1967, juvenile arrests involving the use of drugs rose about 800%. The statistics for 1968 and 1969 are not yet known, but they will surely be even worse.

I believe the Federal government must take steps in response to this grim picture. Before we can successfully attack the problem of drug abuse, we must know more about it. For this reason, the first thrust ought to be additional and intensified research into the physical and psychological effects of different drugs on those who use them.

What information we do have should be applied sensibly and at once to our law enforcement policies. I am disturbed by the fact that our law is often more lenient with an individual who has committed negligent homicide than it is with one who has experimented, perhaps just once, with a drug. I am equally disturbed by the lack of balance in the Federal narcotics laws as they apply to those who use drugs themselves and to those who take part in illegal drug traffic. As President Nixon has urged, these laws need revamping so that the security of the penalties will reflect the seriousness of the offense. For example, I personally believe a "pusher" does far greater harm to society than does an individual who has some isolated experience with the use of drugs. Penalties under the law do not adequately reflect this, however.

The results of research should also be widely disseminated through sound drug education programs. While I fully support programs such as Operation Intercept to cut off the flow of drugs from Mexico, merely limiting the supply will not solve the problem until people are educated on the dangers of drug abuse. Statistics show a widespread and dangerous willingness to experiment with drugs. Only a sound education program can stop this.

Last week the House overwhelmingly passed a bill to provide education on drug abuse to both adults and young people. The Drug Abuse Education Act of 1969, which I co-sponsored, would help to spread the results of research and dispel many of the dangerous misconceptions about the use of drugs which are held by young and old.

The Federal government cannot work miracles in the battle against drug abuse. But Federally-sponsored research can help lead to critically important more effective drug laws and drug education programs.

INFORMATION ABOUT WAGE EARNERS' RIGHTS FROM THE OREGON BUREAU OF LABOR

NORMAN O. NILSEN

COMMISSIONER

Fair employment practices under the Oregon law apply to more than just the hiring of workers. It was pointed out today by Norman O. Nilsen, the State Labor Commissioner.

According to Nilsen, the law, now 20 years old, in addition to hiring applies to discharge, transfer, promotion, terms and conditions of employment, including unfair working conditions such as separation of facilities and segregation in employment.

The law administered and enforced by the Oregon Bureau of Labor, forbids discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, age and sex. The 20 years of human rights progress under the law will be celebrated at a banquet the night of Nov. 14 at the Hoyt Hotel in Portland. Nilsen has urged all interested Oregonians to attend.

Here are some of the questions received by the Oregon Bureau of Labor about the Fair Employment Practices Act and the answers to these questions:

Question: Does the law cover only the practices of employers?

Answer: No, it also covers the practices of employment agencies, labor unions and trade, vocational and professional schools.

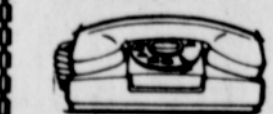
Question: Who may file a complaint about alleged discrimination in employment with the State Bureau of Labor?

Answer: Any persons claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged unlawful employment practice may, by himself or through an attorney, file a complaint. In addition, an employer who has employees or an employee who refuse or threaten to refuse to abide by the provisions of the Fair Employment Practices Act also may file a complaint.

Question: If I file a complaint against my employer alleging job discrimination, can this action cause me to lose my job or to otherwise suffer other discrimination from this employer?

Answer: No, the law makes it a violation to discharge, expel or otherwise discriminate against any person because a

Teen Talk



HELLO! by Dana Bean

Did you know that Thursday, Nov. 8, there was a teen meeting in the city hall.

The teen council has decided to meet today for needy children for Christmas. Also, we discussed several more possibilities on our Teen Center.

Nov. 28, there will be a dance at the Gold Beach fairgrounds. This dance is sponsored by Port Orford and Gold Beach Teen Associations. The band which we are presenting is the New Yorkers.

If interested teens want free guitar lessons and free art lessons, call 332-2421 or contact Port Orford Community Action for more information.

Our next teen meeting is Nov. 20, 7 p.m., in the city hall. All teens who are interested are urged to come.



School Board

The board of directors of School District 2CJ met on Monday, November 3, at Pacific high school. Those present were: chairman Violet Stevenson, members Orris Smith, Lucille Libby, Tom Meade, John Donaldson, Jr., Supt. Al Johnson, deputy clerk Helen Slocum, absent Newton Haga. Visitors were John Bender, Mrs. Short and son Ron, Steve Felton, Don Tate, Ken Humnicutt, John Wahl.

Meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by the chairman, Steve Felton spoke for the Teacher's Consultation Committee asking that the meetings with the Board Teacher Consultation Committee start on Monday, Nov. 10.

Heard report of Curry County School District Board meeting held on Oct. 15, with plans for countywide investment program of monies.

Accepted the resignation of Frank Gatchell as English teacher at Pacific high for 11th and 12th grades.

Hired Miss Patricia Skaggs as English teacher for the 11th and 12th grades. Discussed the fatal accident that took the life of Gayle Knutson. Discussed the Silver Springs bus stop, if any improvements could be made.

Discussed and passed a revised Attendance Policy for the district, which was effective on Monday, Nov. 10. Made change in the personnel at the Langlois Cafeteria, with Mrs. Marilyn Wigle hired for the short hour shift.

Moved that the bills in the amount of \$9,117.65 be paid.

The next meeting of the board will be held on Monday, December 1, at 8 p.m. in the Administrative Offices at Pacific high school. All patrons are invited to attend.

Have you ever heard of anybody who completes his working years... after raising a substantial number of children... buys a little spread to settle down on in the peace and comfort of retirement... then goes out and buys a durned old cow that he has to milk twice a day, seven days a week, build a shed for and buy feed for... and who will give most of the milk away because he hardly ever drinks the stuff? ('Cept a dash now and then during the Holiday season.)

'Course I 'preciate Pappy fetching us that two gallons Tuesday... but it still kinda confirms my belief in the old saying that "you don't have to be crazy to be a printer but it sure helps."

Or maybe... "old printers never die... they just milk away"... to coin a new one.

—P—

If you were a little mixed up last week over days and dates of a couple of high school activities you had a right to be. It was simply a case of getting hold of a copy of last year's news release from the school... which didn't really change the dates the events actually came off anyway 'cause they were held according to this year's calendar. (I'm not sure that makes too much sense but anyway...)

—P—
 Jean and Rudy Samudio have taken over operation of the Payless service station... welcome to the business community.

—P—

Found out Wednesday morning that the mail doesn't always get through... despite the claims of the old pony express riders. In fact, nothing came down from Bandon Wednesday... simply because the mail truck was too loaded. Which maybe shows how important our neighbor to the north is.

—P—

"WE'RE NOT RUNNING FOR OFFICE SO WE CAN SPEAK OUR MINDS"

"1. No taxpayer we know would allow anyone to go hungry, but he's getting tired of soaring relief rolls in this decade of all-time high prosperity, and he feels he's being over-taxed to support people not willing to look very hard for jobs to support themselves.

"2. We believe leaders who know far more about it than we do got us involved in Viet Nam, and other leaders will get us out as soon as it is safe for America, but in the meantime we believe we should support our fighting men and not support our enemies by attacking our government.

"3. We think every worker should be paid well for what he produces, but we object to the kind of inflation brought on by unions who demand more and more money for no more productivity.

"4. Every American should get as much education as he can afford and absorb, but we think unkept youngsters trying to tell a college what to do should be disciplined and sent home until they learn manners.

"5. We believe this is the greatest nation in the world but that's in spite of—not because of—too many politicians who keep themselves in power by squandering the taxpayers' hard-earned money.

"And we think the great majority of the 200 million Americans feel the same way we do. "We hope they'll say so."

—from a Warner & Swasey Advertisement—

The letter to the editor couple weeks ago and comments in this column apparently brought some results from the school board concerning attendance policies in the school district.

According to board action Nov. 3, the following Revised School Attendance Policy was adopted.

"The Oregon School Law O.R.S. 339.020 states that every person having control of any child between the ages 7 and 18 years who has not completed the 12th grade is required to send such child to a public full time school for attendance during the entire school term. The School Board therefore wishes to point out that regular attendance is the sole responsibility of the parent or the legal guardian. However, all school absences will be considered as excused absences providing the student assumes the responsibility, in advance, for making up any school work to be missed due to the absences. The student will have the same number of consecutive school days to make up their missed assignments as the number of days they were absent.

"Any work not made up to the satisfaction of the instructor or within the time limit shall become a compulsory failing grade for that period of time they were absent.

"Written explanation stating the reason for the student's absence will be required from the parent or legal guardian. Failure to submit this written statement to the school by the student will result in a failing grade for that

period of time absent."

It looks to me like a very fair policy and the school board is to be commended for taking the action. Just goes to show that the board is a pretty good group... with their efforts directed to the good of the student. Students usually get only one chance at an education and if they fail to take advantage of it... they are the losers.

—P—

Section meetings are scheduled for city managers, city recorders and finance officers, city attorneys, municipal judges, police chiefs, fire chiefs, and building officials, and section meetings will be held on

city planning and parks and recreation. Two section meetings are scheduled for officials of small cities in Oregon. Several affiliate groups of local government officials will hold business meetings during the

League convention. More than 60 representatives of federal and state agencies administering programs affecting cities will be on hand for a consultants' workshop luncheon on Tuesday, November 18.

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Pacific Music Dept. Rehearses For Musical Comedy



PACIFIC MUSIC students rehearse the coming musical comedy "Get Up and Go" slated for a three-day run beginning Thursday, Nov. 20. From left to right are Ralph Cope, Joe Marsh, Brad Marsh (with shotgun), Tam Hanna, Kathy Tucker, Becky Still and Candy Worthington.

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Oregon Cities Date Meet

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fashioned attitudes have caused the enrollment to fall, threatening both schools with bankruptcy.

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