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BY PRESIDENT JOHN DELLENBACK

Welfare Reform Stalled in Congress

Over a year ago I wrote, "Almost nobody likes our present welfare system. The taxpayers who foot the bill are understandably bitter about the exploding cost. And the poor who live under it are frustrated by its inequities and its devastating effects on their lives. The biggest loser of all, however, is society. We lose the contributions of a number of our citizens who might be able to work and want to work, but who often find themselves penalized for accepting a job."

At the time I wrote that, the House Ways and Means Committee had completed work on a comprehensive welfare reform bill. Much of President Nixon's Family Assistance Plan (FAP), one of his top legislative priorities in the 92nd Congress, had been included in the Ways and Means bill, H. R. 1. That bill passed the House of Representatives in June, 1971.

Since that time the Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.), has tinkered and toyed with welfare reform proposals, but has allowed nothing to reach the Senate Floor for consideration. Over 15 months have passed.

The current situation was recently summed up in the National Journal, a respected Congress-watching weekly:

"Even the most ardent supporters of welfare reform now regard the chances for passage of H. R. 1, or of a compromise version, as either non-existent or extremely slim. It is, I'm sorry to say, an accurate assessment of the situation. Passage of the 20% Social Security increase and Revenue Sharing measures have removed a great deal of the pressure to deal with welfare reform immediately. And Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee has now indicated his feeling that welfare reform is 'dead as a doornail'."

Other circumstances also hurt the chances for welfare reform. Most critical, perhaps, is the tendency in an election year for members of each major party to blame the other party for the failure to pass welfare reform legislation. Each side wants to take credit for placing the blame. But, in the meantime, nothing gets done.

I have expressed my own strong support for welfare reform before and I do it again. Such reform is badly needed in the Fourth District and all over Oregon. While state officials have made some paper gains in dealing with the heavy financial demands of welfare, the welfare budget has been taking an increasingly larger slice out of the Oregon general fund. Welfare costs currently account for about 18 percent of the state general fund, while two years ago it accounted for approximately 15 percent.

It will require a substantial federal investment to implement proposed welfare reforms, but the federal dollars would provide immediate relief to the states, and long run savings for the federal government. When the House passed H. R. 1, it was estimated that Oregon would save some \$15.9 million during fiscal 1973 if the measure became law.

The current proposals will certainly not solve all the problems, but they definitely move in the right direction. Our welfare dollars would be going for a program designed to save future expense by strongly encouraging some of the nation's 10 million welfare recipients to provide adequately for themselves.

Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Hollywood's Movie Gold 'Long Green' In Oregon

You don't have to go to Hollywood to see movie stars anymore.

Shucks, Oregonians can stay home and rub shoulders with the greats of film and television on a much more personal basis.

Portlanders saw plenty of Raquel Welch and Kevin McCarthy early this summer. Folks along the Central Coast still talk about their friends Paul Newman, Lee Remick and Henry Fonda. Patrons of the bar at the Village Green in Cottage Grove might flip themselves seated next to Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine and Robert Mitchum.

People in Baker know Marvin, too, along with Clint Eastwood and Jean Seberg. Jacksonville residents know Cliff Robertson pretty well and there are lots of natives of John Day on a first-year basis with Major the Lion.

Down on the Rogue River people are "friends" of Jim Arness and Jack Elam. And in Eugene lots of permanent residents recall temporary neighbors the likes of Elliott Gould, Candice Bergen and Helen Kallionides.

The list goes on and is linked with an ever-growing number of motion picture and television companies which have chosen our state as "location" for a feature movie, TV commercial or series segment.

Viewers of The Delphi Bureau, The FBI and Gunsmoke will recognize lots of Oregon scenery. And Oregon's list of movie credits includes "Paint Your Wagon," "The Great Northfield, Minnesota Raid," "Getting Straight," "Five Easy Pieces," "Kansas City Bomber," "Drive He Said," "Sometimes a Great Notion," "Napoleon and Samantha" and "The Emperor of the North Pole."

All of this film activity in Oregon is no accident. Most of it is the direct result of efforts by Warren Merrill, whom Governor

Tom McCall appointed chief of the special projects department of the Economic Development Division, and a high-powered committee of bankers, utility and transportation executives.

An official promoter of Oregon and its products since 1961, Merrill and his committee woo Hollywood -- armed only with a shoe-string budget and the state's natural attributes. They sell movie makers on the scenery, the clear air and the friendly, cooperative people who make their permanent homes here. And Hollywood digs it.

Here's how it works. Merrill gets a line on a film that needs a steam locomotive. He knows about one in Cottage Grove. Bette Woolcott, that city's Chamber of Commerce manager, gets a phone call from Merrill in Los Angeles.

"Meet us at your airport in the morning, Bette, and show us that train you have there."

Bette does. The Hollywood guys like it. She also shows them some 18 miles of very scenic track winding its way into the Cascade foothills.

A few weeks later she gets another call. Another group comes to look. "The Emperor of the North Pole" is the picture. Marvin, Borgnine and Keith Carradine and the stars. A few more weeks, a few more meetings, and Cottage Grove looks like it might be selected.

Then the producer comes to town, sniffs the moist spring air and tells Chamber Manager Woolcott he's heard it rains a lot in Oregon.

"You shoot your picture here and I'll personally guarantee sunshine," countered the Chamber manager.

"How?" asked the producer. "Every morning I'll do a sun dance," she replied confidently. A lot of other considerations

everyone... and some people are always looking for mistakes. -P-

Did you ever wonder what your college student spends all that money on... besides college goods and services? They eat a lot, for one thing.

Last year at OSU students consumed \$3,500,400 worth of groceries. And they bought a pile of clothes, \$1,717,130 worth to be exact. And they spent another \$1,170,140 for sound equipment. Their total expenditures for things other than tuition, books and on-campus housing tallied \$23,500,000.

Other major expenditures by OSU's 14,145 students (at spring term) included \$759,310 for electrical appliances, \$750,744 for dining out, \$733,815 for gifts, \$706,281 for photography equipment and supplies, and \$665,830 for bus and airline travel.

Other expenditures went for furniture, \$240,551; flowers, \$89,059; jewelry, \$284,628; recreation, \$394,516; shoe repair, \$44,756; beer and wine purchases from grocery stores, \$92,460; cosmetics and toiletries, \$459,586; pharmaceutical drugs, \$28,402; and entertainment, \$44,304, per month.

Students owned 18,431 transportation vehicles. A total of 7,705 students owned automobiles, 1964 owned motorcycles and 8,763 owned bicycles. In addition, during the last nine months school year, OSU students purchased 1,813 new and used autos, 152 new and used motorcycles and 3,324 new and used bicycles.

Students also had a total of 26,325 haircuts last year, and spent \$25,721 at the beauty parlor. In addition to all that, nearly 9,300 students owned typewriters, 11,331 wore corrective lenses, and 9,216 owned some form of life insurance.

Per student, the expenditures amount to about \$1,661 for the nine month session. Which breaks down to slightly over \$6.50 per day, per student, or somewhere awful close. Sometimes my ciphering needs to be double-checked. Anyhow it's a lot of loot.

Had your fall cold yet? Mine hit me Saturday morning. Got it from Bride (who smartly informed not to go around saying she never gave me anything) who got it from somebody else, and so forth. So far I've managed to pass it on to young son and No. 4 daughter. You may be next.

The Monday night rain was a welcome and much needed relief even though it wasn't too much. Every little bit helps at this time of year. I was out in the tall timber for a while Saturday and things were so dry you could hear a footstep for nigh on to 30 miles... give or take a couple.

With hunting season fast approaching, dry weather just isn't the best situation to be left with.

There will be a meeting of the Quarterbackers next Monday night, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m. in the Coos-Curry building. Ya-all come.

Ever wonder why it's important to attend meetings? I mean besides the usual reasons. For one thing, it's to keep from being elected to a

Less Than Half Of Complaints Valid

Oregon consumers filed 91 food complaints in August with the State Department of Agriculture, Consumer Officer Jane Wyatt said today.

The majority were about food products, which were subject of 31 letters or phone calls; meat followed with 24; short measure with 10 and dairy products with eight, Dr. Wyatt said.

The balance was spread among produce purchases, sanitary conditions of stores, misleading food advertising and a variety of other general situations.

Of the total, Dr. Wyatt said that 42 complaints were considered valid following department investigation. The rest

either showed no validity upon investigation or contained incomplete or inconclusive information. Two complaints were referred to other state agencies for investigation.

"The department investigates each of the complaints it receives about food-stuffs," she said, "and will notify the complainant of the results if requested."

"Consumers are urged to also direct their complaints to store managers when at all possible."

Timber Men Date Meeting

The first regular fall meeting of the Curry County Timber Operators will be held on Friday, September 22, at the Rod 'N' Reel in Wedderburn. Bill Hall of the Oregon State Game Department will present the program.

Coos-Curry Electric is sponsoring the social hour and will also show a short film. The social hour starts at 7 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. and ladies are invited.

high position, or any position. And to keep from being put on them volunteer work programs... or named as chairman of difficult projects... or talked about 'cause you didn't do the last job you were given, when you missed the meeting, like it should have been done.

It's important to attend meetings. Be there!

The boys from Battle Rock Rod & Gun Club say they need lots of help at their new range on Agate Beach road. Said they wouldn't turn anyone away who showed up with a desire to work. Why not stop by on the weekends... there's usually somebody around that could tell you what needs to be done. They'd appreciate it, ya hear.

Farm Bureau Initiative Opposed By AOI Leaders

A policy statement in opposition to the Oregon Farm Bureau Initiative Measure No. 9 has been adopted by the executive committee of Associated Oregon Industries.

The Farm Bureau proposal, which will appear on the November 7 General Election ballot, would prohibit the use of property tax revenue to fund operating costs of public grade and high schools and Community Colleges.

The statement was adopted, according to AOI President Henry T. Swigert, despite the fact business generally might stand to benefit monetarily if property taxes were abolished as a revenue source for operating schools.

Text of the statement reads: "We believe it is unrealistic and a threat to public education to advocate the abandonment of all property taxes as a source of operating revenue for schools. We do believe property taxes should be stabilized or reduced for all property owners."

The statewide employer association long has played an active role in support of public education throughout Oregon. At its own expense, AOI membership in 1968 launched a comprehensive Business Task Force on Education. The study was an ex-

amination of management and administrative procedures utilized in the public elementary and secondary schools.

Results and recommendations of the Task Force -- applying private business procedures to the non-instructional activities of the schools -- were delivered to a joint session of the 1969 Legislature by Governor Tom McCall. The study, according to Swigert, was aimed at achieving business efficiencies within the school system and therefore better utilization of existing school tax dollars.

AOI staff members also are serving on two special current committees named by Gov. McCall to help formulate his plan for educational finance reform.

Annual Meeting

The Curry County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at 1 p.m. in the Gold Beach city park on Saturday, September 23. All people who are interested in the history of the county are invited to attend.

A potluck picnic is planned. Those attending should bring either dessert, salad or main dish, and their own table service.

Coast Guard Now Offers Guaranteed Training

The United States Coast Guard is now offering guaranteed assignment to technical training schools to qualified men before they sign up.

Under the recently announced program qualified men will be assigned to specialized training in the field of their choice immediately following basic training.

The Coast Guard offers training in a wide variety of areas ranging from ship navigation and accounting to electronics and marine science.

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