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POLITICS OR SERIOUS BUSINESS?

The special session of congress which opened this week at the call of President Truman has been pretty generally conceded by both the public and by officialdom to be purely a political rigging by the president in the hope of bolstering his campaign for re-election. The manner in which announcement of the call was made at the democratic convention, the president's message to congress at the opening session and his every other move all tend to verify the conviction that the purpose of the special session is more political than for serious business.

The president emphasized in his announcement and in his remarks to congress only domestic issues. For the most part, they are issues about which something already has been done but which sufficient time has not been given for the effects to be felt. The housing situation, for example, is much better today than a year ago with prospects that it will continue to improve. Strong indications are prevalent that the inflationary trend has about run its course and that, barring further inflationary moves by the administration, a deflationary trend already is beginning to develop. Emphasis is given this view by the fact that makers of heavy machinery and factory equipment now are bidding for orders on a competitive basis; that soft goods, radios, rubber goods and countless other items now are being sold in a buyers' market rather than a sellers' market as was the case a few months ago. There are other signs equally significant.

The one thing that is bothering American citizens more than the high cost of living, housing problems or any domestic issue at this moment is the apparent crisis in Berlin, the threat of war with Russia. That is serious business. That is business to which congress might well give its attention. That is business about which the American people want to be fully informed. That is business which the president could have presented to congress and received the plaudits of voters and public officials alike. Calling of congress at this time on the domestic issues presented to it by the president will only serve to hide the more serious issues abroad. It will further the apparent policy of the administration to continue the Rooseveltian tactics of secret agreements. Evidence of this comes from the London conference just concluded. Representative of the United States, Britain and France all issued "No comment" statements at the close of that session. Certainly this lowering of an iron curtain was done with administration approval, if not with actual administration direction. Congress might do well to insist on the use of open covenants, openly arrived at in our negotiations with Russia. Such action by the special session would be important and serious business that might play a major part in keeping us out of war.

So long as the president seeks to use the special session for political purposes, the people will neither expect or demand any vital action from it. If he discards political maneuvering and insists that the special session has truly serious business to handle, he will win the support of the people in that purpose.

ARE PROFITS REALLY BIG?

Now and again we see in the public prints or here cited statements regarding the enormous profits of some of the nation's big corporations. Usually these reports are most prevalent about the time some union is seeking increased wages or John L. Lewis is driving for another advantage for his miners, such as his recent pension program.

There is no denying that many of the nation's industries are showing greater profits in dollars and cents than ever before in history. That does not necessarily indicate that profits are out of line or that the industries achieving such profits are in any better shape than at any previous time in their history. It must be remembered that the dollars of industry go no further than those of the individual in making purchases in today's markets. As the individual requires higher income to meet today's living costs, so does business need greater dollars and cents profits to continue in business, to keep its plants modern and sizable enough to meet competition and thus continue to supply jobs for the nation's millions of workers.

Despite larger dollars and cents profits, most businesses today are finding that their percentage of net profit to gross business is less, in most cases considerably less, than in past years when no one questioned the profits made.

Countless businesses, and particularly individual institutions and those outside the realm of big industries actually are finding

the going rougher today than at almost any previous time in their history. Their costs have risen to a point that requires the greatest skill of management efficiently to the Nth degree to eke out even a modest percentage of profit. A small drop in business would send many institutions into bankruptcy unless they were successful in paring their payrolls rapidly enough to reduce costs with a speed equal to that of the decrease in business. Few businesses have found it possible to build reserves that would carry them through any prolonged period of crisis.

Such a condition is not good for the business nor for the nation, and it certainly demonstrates that profits, with possibly a few exceptions, rather than being too high actually are too small a percentage of the volume of business for the protection of the public as a whole.

BACK TO STANDARD SOON—

The advantages and disadvantages of daylight saving time during the summer months will probably be argued forever, unless at some future time the practice is made national. Be that as it may, the bulk of citizens in this neck of the woods will welcome the return to standard time in September.

Perhaps those who suffer the greatest inconvenience are the ones whose business requires much correspondence by mail, or shipping by regularly scheduled carriers, or travel on the same time. Business men all around are put to great inconvenience by the hour later delivery which daylight saving time occasions. With trains and planes continuing to operate on standard time schedules, postoffice must of necessity schedule their work on the same time basis and hence mail deliveries must be an hour "late" for the business man who uses daylight saving time to comply with the usage of his community.

Well, it won't be long now until standard time is back and how welcome the end of the time mixup will be.

FLOWER BULB BUSINESS IS HEARTY—

Don't let anybody get the idea there is anything "sissy" or unimportant about the flower bulb business.

In the first place, the value of planting stock in Clackamas county is well over a half million dollars. Some 331 acres are devoted to bulb growing.

In the second place, bulb growing requires courage, investment, patience and a great deal of knowledge. The grower must run great risks especially from losses by diseases which he must learn to identify and control.

In the words, of Clackamas County Agent J. J. Inskeep, "The growers of bulbs are a hearty lot."

THE GLAMOUR THAT IS "QUEEN"

Seems as how it's just about impossible to hold a celebration, large or small in Oregon or most any other state any more without having a "queen" contest to help promote the event. Of course, there are a few exceptions wherein some other title is bestowed upon the winning candidate, but by far the majority of events stick to the apparently ever-popular title of "queen."

Guess it must be that the word queen implies a higher standing and far more glamour than any other title the promoters can bestow. All the fuss and feathers, all the silks and furs, all the glittering jewels and gold that traditionally are considered a part of our mental picture of a queen's domain—all of these must subconsciously react to the public support of the legion of queen contests that confront us annually.

We couldn't help wondering the "why" of a queen contest in connection with the Oregon centennial celebration at Oregon City. Seemed to us that a queen was one of the things our forebears were trying to get away from when they settled this country, and that freedom embodied in Oregon's becoming a part of the United States was the essence of the centennial itself. That put two strikes on the "queen" business right off the bat.

Then we started thinking about all those beautiful movies we have seen of queens resplendent in velvet robes and bedecked with jewels and we realized that there isn't any rhyme or reason to queen contest. They just bank for their success on the glamour that is "queen." And got danged if most of the gals that win those queen contests are pretty glamorous at that, even if they don't doll up in regal robes and crowns.

TWO FIRES AND TWO IDEAS—

Two spectacular fires in the Sandy area Sunday were only a part of a series of blazes that have done an estimated \$210,000 damage in this part of Oregon in the past few days.

Out of this background of costly blazes come two ideas that deserve active consideration.

1. Let's be especially careful to prevent fires, especially at this season when fires are such a menace in Oregon.

2. Let's support the Sandy Rural Fire Commission's drive for funds.

A record wheat crop will be harvested this year in eastern Oregon, and that's of real interest to all of the state since much of the prosperity of western Oregon stems from the success of our neighbors on the other side of the Cascades.

Shower Honors Betty Darnell

BULL RUN—Mrs. Glen Miller and Mrs. Melvin Hannaberg were hostesses at a bridal shower in honor of Miss Betty Darnell, in Mrs. Glen Miller's home Tuesday evening, July 27th.

Those present were: Mrs. Anna Hannaberg, Mrs. Howard Hornback, Miss Audrey Skeslein, Mrs. Charles Butler, Mrs. Del Jadin, Mrs. Robert Murray, Marjorie Kitchen, Mrs. Dave Klinger, Bonnie Darnell, Letus Darnell, Mrs. Marion Darnell.

Mrs. Tom Paul, Mrs. L. E. Keahler, Mrs. William Seidel, Miss Betty Seidel, Mrs. Jackie Green, Mrs. Ralph Neilson, Mrs. True Neilson, Mrs. O. L. Harthorn, Mrs. Jerome Brooks, Mrs. Sabra Klinger, Mrs. Ruth Blewens, Mrs. Lee Marsh, Mrs. Nelson Zeller.

Many nice gifts were received and cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

Mrs. Ralph Neilson flew to Los Angeles recently for a visit with her son and family but found they were planning on moving to Oregon. On the return trip Mrs. Neilson brought her small grandson back with her by plane and her son and daughter-in-law came by automobile. Mr. and Mrs. True S. Neilson and son are now living in the upstairs apartment of his father's home and have bought a bread route from a Gresham bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gardner of Los Angeles were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neilson.

Mrs. Neilson and Mrs. Gardner worked together for several years in Civil Service.

Miss Billy Seidel is teaching in Oak Grove this year.

Mr. and Mrs. William Seidel and daughter, Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Ray R. Ruedi of Anderson station spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Luther in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hornback have returned from a weeks vacation visiting sisters of Mr. Hornback.

Longstaff Visits Old Home Only to See It Torn Down

H. A. Longstaff of the Dover district, arrived in New York City while on a trip to the East recently, just in time to see the building which had been his home in 1899 being torn down.

Mr. Longstaff traveled through Wisconsin, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, Florida, and spent much of his time at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago, Ill.

While on the trip Mr. Longstaff celebrated his 74th birthday on June 16. At a party given in his honor there were 34 guests present, including 17 of his nieces and nephews.

Mr. Longstaff returned to Oregon and his home here several weeks ago.

Family Leaving Brightwood Soon

BRIGHTWOOD—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hudelson Sunday served a picnic dinner at their home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kare Weisdorfer and children, Lea and Sandra. The Weisdorfers are moving to California in the near future. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Vance and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Phillips, Portland. Birthday cake was served in honor of Mr. Hudelson's birthday.

Mrs. Virginia Hickey gave a party at her home Friday night to help raise funds for the Brightwood Grange.

A social meeting and program have been arranged for the Brightwood Grange Aug. 7. Music will be by the newly organized Grange orchestra.

Albany, Ore., named after Albany, New York had its beginnings 100 years ago when the site was purchased by two pioneers for \$400 and a horse.

Registration for Lutheran School Set for Aug. 1-10

It won't be long till it's school time again. Reminder of that comes with the announcement this week that the period from Aug. 1 to 10 has been set by Immanuel Lutheran school for advance enrollment of pupils for the 1948-49 term.

According to the Rev. Robert Dey, pastor of the church, application blanks have been sent out this week to all of last year's pupils. These are to be returned before August 10. Also, all applications for the enrollment of new pupils are to be made by that time. These can be made through appointment with the pastor and are subject to the approval of the church board for Christian education.

Immanuel Lutheran school is maintained and operated by Immanuel Lutheran church for the purpose of giving children a Christ-centered elementary education. The number of new pupils enrolled will be limited, but every effort will be made to care for the children of such parents as have a sincere interest in the religious program of the school.

There will be one addition to the teaching staff for the 1948-49 term. Carl W. Middelhoff, of Saginaw, Michigan, has accepted the position in the lower grades and in the music department. He is a graduate of Concordia Teachers college, River Forest, Ill., with a bachelor of science degree in education.

Mrs. Ronald Krebs will again serve as principal and teacher of the upper grades, while Pastor Norbert Dey will have charge of the classes in religion in the upper grades.

New Department in Dave's Shake Shop

Dave Carpenter announced this week the installation of a bakery and pastry goods department in his Dave's Shake Shop.

Mrs. Bert Boeve, Sr., will do the baking. The goods will be produced and sold at the Shake Shop.

The Shake Shop has also been expanded to the space formerly occupied by Mt. Hood Realty. Mr. Carpenter has increased his customer service by putting in leatheret booths.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grenberg and family left for Los Angeles, Calif., this week. Mrs. Grenberg and the children will stay in Los Angeles and visit relatives. Mr. Grenberg will return to Sandy next week and then go back for them later next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Light and family are at home now after a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Light attended a convention. Enroute to Cleveland they visited relatives in Chicago, Illinois, and Toledo, Ohio. After leaving Cleveland July 9 they went to New York City, through Gettysburg, Washington, D. C., visited Mt. Vernon, and started back through Kentucky. They visited relatives in Missouri, stopped in Salt Lake City, Utah, and in Idaho and arrived home July 20. They report a fine trip and said they enjoyed good weather all the way.

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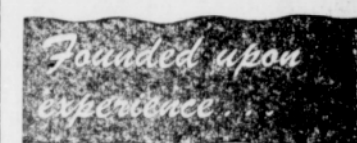
By Dick Horton

Al Meinig is really having a rough time. This week he's the sunshine man about town. He discovered last week-end that he and old man sol just don't get along. Down at Cannon Beach with his family, Al spent most of the time guarding his kids, Donna and Joyce, from the sun's rays. There must not have been enough room for all of them under the umbrella because Al came home looking like a ripe cherry. His feet must have taken the worst beating because he has been limping around like he has a perpetual hot-foot. Tough part is that everyone thinks it's funny except Al, and he's in agony.

The Sandy Townies will be playing at home this Sunday. They plan Canby at Sandy Hi. The boys have been giving Sandy a lot of good publicity playing games up and down the Willamette Valley. There's nothing like a good ball game, so come out and see the home nine in action.

John Mills is all set for a big time. He and about 300 others are going on the Oregon Posse's horseback trek down the Cascade Range to Crater Lake. John will be riding his palomino, Kink, which he leads you to believe is about the best horse around. King is a beauty, but if you want to get a bounce out of John just ask him about his plow horse.

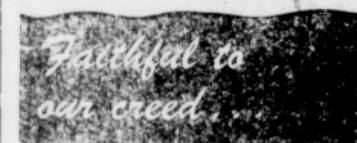
Got a note from Bill Duddleson, former news editor of The Post. He's now on a reserve cruise to Pearl Harbor on the battleship Iowa. He must feel a little lost on a battlewagon after spending his naval career aboard a destroyer. But Bill says that everything is great in the Islands.



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