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"PEACE" PETITIONS—

So-called "peace petitions" are starting to appear throughout the country. It is definitely known that they are communist inspired and communist ordered. Russian Soviets, through such movements, seek to make it appear that they alone of all nations want peace, that "capitalist" United States and others of the United Nations are the warmongers, intent on world domination.

In this respect they have played propaganda rings around us.

In this country virtually no one wants war. Big business does not want war for it knows that in all probability after another world struggle there would be no free industry, or business. No serviceman of the last war wants war again. He knows the terrors of it firsthand. No parents want war. They still remember the heartaches of uncertainty and casualty news of the recent struggle. No young man or woman old enough to serve now wants war. They were old enough during the last one to have memories now of the horror of war's news and its effects on family life.

But this country has not pounded home, eternally, its purposes and its stand. We have let our policies, whatever they have been at the moment, be thrown in the wrong light before susceptible people without adequate reply. We have permitted even our altruistic gifts under the Marshall plan in many cases to be used in such a way that no credit for the spirit in which they were given has accrued to us, and the Soviet has been able to convince some peoples that the United States was striving for control over them under the guise of Marshall plan aid.

America does not want war. But America, we believe, still prefers war to serfdom in a police state, to slave labor in concentration camps for all who don't go along wholeheartedly with totalitarian theory. America still prefers it to teachings which deny, under the state's demands, all the sacredness of family ties, of religion, of the sanctity and dignity of human life.

We believe that those who sign "peace petitions" irrespective of what the alternative to "peace" might be, in the main, sign without thinking.—W.H.

COME AGAIN—

A chemist, commenting on the fact that water molecules have never changed, said this week that possibly the tap water you drew today might have been part of the bath water of Cleopatra. Which presents a thought which may be either exciting or repulsive.

One would hardly expect that the water he's using to keep the zinnias and begonias beautiful this hot, dry weather still carries the faint fragrance of the flowers it irrigated in the hanging gardens of Babylon, but one can't always tell, it seems. Molecules are molecules and have no regard for days or years or centuries but remain unchanged from time's beginning.

Did your drinking water taste a bit stale today? Possibly it still has a hangover from its days in the stagnant eddies among the bullrushes where Moses was hid away. Or could it be just the Bull Run water rushing back to the bullrushes?

Nothing in nature is more versatile, either, than water molecules. The same ones you are using today may have given sustenance to the first fish or participated in the drowning of the world in the great flood and beaching the ark on Mt. Sinai. They may have been the water depository for the shells and fossils of prehistoric days in east Oregon or watered the forests that are now coal and petrified trees. They may have been the ones that failed to put out Mrs. O'Leary's famous fire in early Chicago or which rusted out countless Kentucky stomachs, or cooled the radiators of cars in billions of miles of dangerous driving. For it seems they have been spending eternity in the ceaseless cycle of cloud to rain to river to sea to cloud to sea again, without change.

Science can present confusing thoughts but it can't improve water.

VOTE "YES" ON REPEAL—

One of the most perplexing measures to appear on an Oregon election ballot in many years will confront voters at the general election next November. The perplexity will result not so much from the decision the voters must make but rather from the fact that neither the ballot title nor the text of the measure proposed clearly sets out the subject matter upon which the voters will be balloting.

The measure referred to is the repeal of the infamous Dunne pension bill which was

put over in an initiative action two years ago. This is the bill which would have thrown the state of Oregon into financial chaos and which was repealed by the state legislature in 1949. The legislative action was then made inoperative by being subjected to a referendum.

The measure on the November ballot will be on the question of whether or not the state legislature's action shall be upheld. The manner in which the question will be stated upon the ballot calls for a "Yes" vote to sustain the legislative action and thus automatically to repeal the Dunne bill. A "No" vote would kill the work of the legislature and thrust upon the state again the spectre of quick and certain bankruptcy.

Because of the unenlightening method in which the measure will appear on the ballot, this is one measure which voters must keep especially in mind. The right vote for the good of the state of Oregon and its citizens is 308 X Yes when election day rolls around.

"NECESSARY" ECONOMY—

Consistency seems to be the smallest of Washington worries these days.

Last week President Truman denounced the congress for wanting to up the appropriation for federal highway construction, saying that this is no time for unnecessary expenditures, while the country is facing staggering war costs.

Highways suffered during the war years of labor and material shortage and it is a colossal task to restore cross-country highways to a state of efficiency by which they could handle traffic which would come in case of war emergency.

It seems that the administration thinks that highways are less necessary than, for instance farm subsidies. Few deny that in times of depression or disastrous farm prices, the government should help food producers with some sort of price support. But it is hard for many to see how it is necessary when normal prices guarantee producers high income, for the government to ask an additional two billions on top of former appropriations, in order to support prices on many of the food items that carry a subsidy.

The government now owns and has stored the following stupendous amounts of produce:

Non-fat dry milk solids, 300 million pounds.
American cheese, 65 million pounds.
Salted creamery butter, 115 million pounds.
Raw linseed oil, 500 million pounds.
Flaxseed, 12½ million bushels.
Dry edible beans, 9,349,000 bags.
Dry edible peas, 875 million cwt.
Austrian winter pea seed, 65,000 cwt.
Wheat, 100 million bushels.
Oats, 11 million bushels.
Barley, 32 million bushels.
Corn, 100 million bushels.
Rice, 350,000 cwt.
Grain sorghums, 20 million cwt.
Potato starch, 8,450,000 pounds.
Mexican canned meat, 65½ million pounds.
Dried whole eggs, 32,067,000 pounds.

MORSE IN IMPORTANT SPOT—

Wayne Morse, Oregon's junior United States senator, recently was named a member of the senate armed services investigating sub-committee. Already a member of the armed services, Sen. Morse was chosen from the larger group as one of 7 members for the sub-committee.

The public will recall that this is the same committee that was headed by Harry S. Truman during war II and that it was his activities as a member of this committee which first brought him broad recognition on the part of the public.

The job of the committee is to exercise both a continuous watchfulness and a continuous study of "all policies, programs, activities, operation, facilities, requirements, and practices," of the department of defense, the armed services, and other agencies dealing with the national security in general and our present preparedness effort in particular.

That makes the sub-committee one of the most important continuing committees now acting in behalf of the senate. It is the civilian link between the voters and the armed services. To it goes the ultimate responsibility for seeing to it that full value is received in all branches of our preparedness effort for each dollar of taxpayer funds expended. To it goes the responsibility of policing armed services contracts to prevent graft and corruption.

Naming of Sen. Morse to this highly important committee is but another indication of the great regard his colleagues have for the ability and integrity of the Oregon senator. That he will be a real asset to the committee and will play a strong part in making its work effective is a foregone conclusion.

About the only difference between the city citizen and his country cousin is that the country cousin obeys the street signs.

They better not let the rumor get out that a Portland store has only two totem poles in stock or some hoarder will be gobbling them up.

Letter To the Editor

Again this year I have made the mistake of citing the wrong man into court, for failure to eradicate his tansy ragwort weeds—just as I did last year.

Last year's cases, a Mr. Burk of Kelso, and a wealthy man by the name of Susnjara who also owned property near Kelso, both failed to comply with the weed control program in 1949, and to my knowledge has never been brought into court and tried. But approximately a dozen poor people (not quite so wealthy) were very nicely taken care of.

This year I made the mistake of swearing out a warrant for J. Earl Jones, a wealthy industrialist of Milwaukie, who also owns a farm near Damascus. Mr. Jones had previously informed me that the county court were friends of his, and that the District Attorney Mr. Lindas was an especial friend of his. Mr. Jones left and went to California without cleaning up his weeds, even though they were going to seed right along side of a neighbor's farm who had spent several hundred dollars cleaning up the weeds on his place. It became necessary for me to get a court order to go in and clean up the weeds on Mr. Jones property.

After waiting what I thought was a reasonable length of time for Mr. Jones to be brought in for trial, I began to inquire as to why Mr. Jones had not been brought in and tried. I was informed by the District Attorney, Mr. Lindas, in the presence of a county weed committeeman, that some day I would learn that there were some people I could bring in and try, but there were others whom I could not. Then Mr. Lindas informed me that Mr. Jones would be in for trial Monday, and I had better have my witnesses ready. This trial was later changed to Wednesday.

The Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Jacobs, represented the County in this trial in the absence of Mr. Lindas. Instead of prosecuting Mr. Jones, Jacobs sat in utter silence throughout the entire case, and the only time he spoke up was when he threatened to throw me in jail when I protested that the District Attorney was laying down on the job, and allowing Mr. Jones to discriminate against me and my witnesses.

Mr. Jones was allowed undue privileges. In fact Mr. Jones was allowed to try me and my witnesses instead of being tried himself. Mr. Jones was allowed to set in the witness chair and ask questions of my main witness whom the Assistant D. A. had refused to allow me to put on the stand.

The Court found Jones guilty, (by his own admission of having weeds on his property) and fined him twenty dollars. At the same time Judge Fisher explained to Mr. Jones that the \$20 would just about pay the court cost, but if Mr. Jones wanted to appeal the cost he would raise the amount of the fine so that it could be appealed. Just two days previous to Mr. Jones trial, a man without money or influence, who had far less weeds on his property than Mr. Jones, was fined \$100 with \$25 suspended, providing the weeds were removed in a given time.

In my opinion the whole thing boils down to this. Is the law to be administered equally to all people, or is it made to favor the wealthy and influential?

Firing me is plain admission by the County Court that their friends should be given special consideration. Mr. Fred Reak-sacker's department has been very good, they have given me 100% co-operation.

In fact the only departments involved in these discriminations are the District Attorney's Office, The County Court and the District Court itself. All other departments have co-operated 100%.

Dock Hunt
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moval of Hunt as weed control officer.

Blows Land

At this point the word "liar" was shouted and blows were exchanged. Order was restored when onlookers held each of the disputants.

"Hunt has exceeded his authority and has shown himself unfit for office," Jacobs declared.

"I will carry this matter to the farmers of the county," Hunt said. "I will not resign... If the county court wants a yes-man as weed control officer they picked the wrong man. I won't be yes-man to the district attorney, the county court or to Jones."

Commissioner Pace then said that Hunt had done an excellent job in many respects in the elimination of tansy from county farms. The commissioner had opposed Hunt's appointment because he disliked Hunt's "attitude." A. G. Beattie, Oregon City attorney, a casual visitor, as a private citizen, also urged Hunt's dismissal.

County Judge E. L. Pope told Hunt that his approach to the particular problem in this case had been wrong. He also upheld Jacobs as a "very good" deputy district attorney.

Woman's Club Will Hold First Fall Meet Thursday, Sept. 7

The first meeting of the fall season for the Sandy Woman's Club will be held Thursday, September 7, at 2 p.m. in the club hall with Mrs. A. C. Baumbach and Mrs. J. N. Ferry as hostesses.

The year's program will be discussed. Mrs. Olaf Anderson will be in charge of a program on "Vacation Experiences."

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Howdy Folks:

There's a fortune waiting for the first restaurant chef who can figure a way to work off a restaurant's peas without mixing them with carrots. Speaking of vegetables, lettuce is classified as a vegetable, but more often is it a proposition.

And some one said that while an onion can make people cry, there is no vegetable to make laugh.

On the other hand, you wouldn't say that a vegetarian was one with carrot hair, reddish mustache and a turn-up nose.

Which reminds us that it's a good thing some people can't see what's right under their noses, because if they could there would be a lot of mustaches shaved off.

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