



The other night without warning, I found myself right in the middle of a discussion on Communism with an 11-year-old. (And why the kids always pick just that last minute before bedtime to get involved in a lengthy discussion is one of the mysteries of parenthood.)

"What," he wanted to know, "Exactly is Communism. Everybody is talking about it - it's discussed in school, you hear it on TV, in a play war the bad guys are always Communists. But nobody ever told me what a Communist is."

So how do you explain it to someone this young?

We heard a panel discussion of eighth graders at PTA last month discussing Communism and every one of them said it was bad - but mostly, it seemed, to them Communism was that fat guy Krushchev who traveled thru America last fall and they didn't like him. Why? He was a Communist and they knew, by tone of voice and conversation of their elders, every good American was a bitter foe of Communism.

But did they know what Communism is?

And how could the teacher explain to them? American public schools are so at the mercy of every hair-triggered

watch and ward group, a teacher must be a brave soul to tip-toe ever so timidly into any explanation of the Communist party system.

As a matter of fact, when I told my young companion that, from my point of view, Communism already had a strong hold in our way of life, the youngster immediately looked around for enemy soldiers coming down the street.

He was completely befuddled when I tried to explain that we, the American people, by being lazy, soft, security-happy and plain dumb, had permitted our own government to get so big and invade so many provinces of private life, there wasn't much need to stave off Communist soldiers from New York harbor. We'd made our own brand right at home and nobody seemed to care much as long as the commissars' names didn't end with "skl."

Well, the poor little guy went off to bed very confused and I sat feeling frustrated and wondering how in the world I could get through to him. Or, for that matter, if I was all alone in my beliefs. (When the whole world is mad but thee and me - you know that bit, comes the men in white jackets with nets.)

It was comforting, in a small way to find this quote from the Wall Street Journal. ("Wall Street" - The bogeyman of Moscow.)

... there is one overriding issue that, above all should be dealt with squarely in the coming election campaigns. It is nothing less than the future direction of the government. . . . Are we to surrender to the Communists by in effect imitating them? Or are we to disprove their hideous philosophy by making of this the freest possible of societies? That is the great political issue. . . . The American people must face it sooner or later.

"The American people are constantly told that a way to combat the Communist menace is to turn over more and more power, to say nothing of more and more of their wealth, to a super-state, if the people allow that to happen, there will be small need of combatting Communism - for we will simply adopt a Communism of our own, no matter what label is given it."

Well, my young friend is still sure I've got bats in my belfry. And so, I'm afraid, do a good many of my contemporaries. Somehow I just don't picture it as a bright future for my son if the highest goal he has to look forward to is a super-bureaucrat in a society of bureaucrats where a free swingin' wheeler and dealer is regarded as a menace to the neatly compartmented society.

Firemen To Begin 1960 Inspection

The annual Fire Prevention home inspection will start next week in Sandy, according to Chief Lyle Seaman of the Sandy Volunteer Fire department. The prime purpose of this program is to reduce the ever-increasing life and property loss due to home fires.

The volunteer fire-fighters from Sandy, all properly identified, will begin a systematic house to house inspection campaign in an attempt to help householders rid their homes of fire hazards.

"It is our sincere hope that home owners will give the Fire Department their wholehearted cooperation in this endeavor to save life and property from our common enemy, FIRE," Seaman said.

"The saving of lives is the first and most important reason for home inspections by firemen," Chief Seaman added. "But it also guarantees the safety of your property at the same time. As the fireman goes from house to house making his inspections, invite him in. He will be only too happy to make a quick but thorough fire inspection."

Logging Shutdown Seen; Clackamas Road Rutted

OREGON CITY (Special)—The vital Clackamas river road may have to be closed because of a series of washouts and heavy trucking, which would virtually cut off the logging industry in the rich Upper Clackamas forest area, Darrell Jones, Clackamas county commissioner revealed Tuesday.

Jones called on forest service engineers, PGE officials and several logging operators working in the Clackamas basin to start plans for rebuilding the vital Clackamas river road which is rapidly being deteriorated since new dam structures have been completed on the river.

Jones said Tuesday the forest service road is now getting in such shape that logging operations in the upper Clackamas are in danger. The diversion of the Clackamas by the PGE dams and increased heavy-use by logging trucks is rapidly deteriorating the road.

"The Clackamas river access road is a vital link and is important to the economy of Clackamas county. It is the responsibility, not only of the county, but the other agencies involved in the Upper Clackamas to keep the road in good condition to allow the continued flow of logs out of the rich woodlands of the Upper Clackamas," Jones said.

"Although this is a forest service road, a large portion of county funds and school funds are dependent upon it because of the logging activ-

ities." A few more feet of slide areas along the Clackamas would block the road for both logging and recreation, Jones said.

Jones said the reconditioning of the road to stop further erosion would involve upwards to one million dollars and he said the responsibility for the expenditure should be determined immediately. "My feeling is that present methods of financing this vital road is not adequate and we will have to work out a system where each of the logging interests in the Upper Clackamas will have to share the responsibility," Jones said.

Jones said he was calling a meeting immediately of all interested parties among those who would be invited to take part and to make plans for reconditioning of the road would be the regional forester J. Herbert Stone and his staff.

The bureau of land management, regional supervisor Russell Getty, will also be invited to take part in the emergency meeting, besides PGE officials and representatives of the logging industry.

"The closure of this road would have a terrific impact on employment in the county," Jones said. "This is the logging season and it is important to everybody that the woods and roadways in the Upper Clackamas be kept open to utilize the harvest of trees."



Sandy's Cottrell School 4-H electricity club members were among 176 other 4-H youngsters who were guests of Portland General Electric company recently on a tour of the utility's engineering laboratories in Portland and North

Fork dam on the Clackamas river. The 4-H'ers had lunch at PGE's Promontory Park along the shore of North Fork lake. Watching over the expedition was Katherine Bowers, leader, and Donna Bench (right rear).

Ambulance Smashed In City Crackup Saturday

The sleek green Cadillac ambulance of the Sandy Volunteer association, which has played a vital part in helping victims of mountain area traffic accidents as well as seriously ill people in the Sandy area, was put out of commission Saturday when it was involved in a violent smashup in the Portland city limits.

The ambulance was transporting a patient from Sandy to a Portland hospital. Portland police reported that the ambulance had run a red light. Following is a statement from Jerry Swails, Sandy businessman, who was driving the ambulance at the time of the accident.

At approximately 1:30 A.M. Saturday, April 16th, a call was received to go to a residence near Dover and pick up a patient with a heart attack. As it is not the first-aiders province to diagnose, evaluate or predict the condition of a patient, and as no doctor had examined the patient, it was our duty as aid men to consider it an emergency. Therefore we proceeded to the hospital under those conditions.

At approximately 2:30 A.M. as we approached the intersection of 39th and Powell Blvd, with the lights flashing and the penetrator operating, I observed no one coming from the left, and a car approximately 150 feet to the right, approaching without lights. At this time I was going about 20 miles an hour, and as I approached the intersection, the light turned to amber and I was faced with the split second decision of attempting to stop suddenly and throw the patient forward

(possibly fatally injuring her) or of continuing through the intersection on an amber signal and relying on the judgment and perception of the oncoming vehicle, upon seeing and hearing the ambulance to slow down.

This he failed to do. The misjudgment on my part was not knowing the boys had been drinking, the driver was 16 and had no driver's license and they were traveling at a much higher rate of speed than I judged.

After the collision, we radioed for another ambulance which arrived immediately and took our patient on to the hospital. Both boys had first aid administered to them by the Sandy ambulance crew immediately.

Ham Dinner Is Set At Welches

Saturday night, April 23, Welches PTA is serving a ham dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Welches School. Tickets are available at the door. Cost is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

Entertainment will be provided with a "Roaring Twenties Revue." The Charlestons will dance and between their performances, Mickey Avery will play dinner music on the organ which was loaned by Sherman-Clay of Portland.

"Committees have been working hard to present an enjoyable dinner," a PTA spokesman said. "Help them support their PTA."



Is UGN Sandy Veep

SANDY (Special) — Al Morner, of Sandy Lumber & Hardware, has been elected vice president of the Sandy area United Good Neighbors.

Morner has been campaign leader for United Good Neighbors for the past several years in the Sandy area.

Other officers elected to United Good Neighbors board are Howard L. Berger of Clackamas County Bank, and Robert E. Weber of Rhododendron. Mrs. Ivan Barker, Sandy, was elected to a two-year term last year.

Weber was named to the UGN admissions and negotiations committee.

Mrs. Charles P. Wilson of Milwaukie was elected president of the county United Good Neighbors.

Easter Traffic Brings Injuries

Twelve persons were injured in Clackamas county traffic accidents over the Easter weekend. Five young people were hospitalized from a on-car accident at Wilsonville and a young boy in Oregon City was hit by a car when he darted into the street without looking.

One youngster in Sandy escaped injury when he was struck in the bank crosswalk Saturday afternoon.

Two men were taken to Gresham Community Hospital about 10 o'clock Sunday morning following a two-car accident at the Douglas Ridge cutoff and Highway 26 (Pioneer Park), according to Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Tom Cutsforth. Drivers of the two vehicles were Patrick W. Kelley, 18, Gresham, and Harry W. Pritchard, 32, Route 1, Box 20, Boring. Pritchard's passenger was James Moore, 54, of the same address.

Both vehicles were totally wrecked. Kelley and Moore were taken to Gresham General hospital where Kelley was treated for shock and forehead lacerations, concussion and a dislocated finger. Kelley was released and Moore was reported in good condition at the hospital. Shortly before midnight

Monday, a 1954 Ford driven by Robert G. Minaryd, Box 542 Sandy, was involved in a spectacular one-car accident on highway 211 (Estacada highway) at the Deep Creek Bridge. Investigated by deputies Frank Baird, Vern White

D. A. Petrie Dies Sat.

BRIGHTWOOD — State Police Officer Dorrel (Jim) Petrie, died at Emanuel hospital early Saturday morning where he had been in critical condition for hours due to a paralysis of the nervous system, according to attending physicians.

Petrie, who had been with the state police organization for many years, was placed in an iron lung early Friday morning when his condition took a sudden turn for the worse during the night.

Officer Petrie was born January 24, 1904, at Popeloy, Iowa, and was 56 years old at the time of death. The early part of his life was spent in Iowa where he attended school. In 1923 at Omaha, Nebraska, he signed up with the United States Navy and served as a fireman 2nd class until his discharge.

After his naval discharge he moved to the Portland-Mt. Hood area and joined the Oregon State Police force. For many years he has been stationed on the mountain as a police officer connected with the Game and Wildlife Division. He was widely known in this area and highly respected for his service.

He became ill about 5 weeks ago. Surviving members of his family include his wife, Leah Irene, whom he married in 1945; and two children, Richard and Leslie Mae. There are two sisters and one brother; Mrs. Hans Appl and Mrs. Wyn Abbas, both of Des Moines, Iowa and Maynard Petrie of Winter, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 20, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Carroll Funeral Home, Gresham with vault interment in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland. Reverend Thyra Strand offered the services and William Elliott sang.

State police officers from all over the state of Oregon, including Superintendent H. G. Maison, were in attendance at the funeral services of a fellow officer, Dorrell Petrie.

Pallbearers from the Milwaukie office of the state police, where Petrie had been stationed since he joined the force on August 9, 1938, walked with their fellow worker for the last time. They included Sgt. Orel Hunt, Sgt. Walter Hershey and Officers Boyd Lucich, Wilbur Sherrill, Howard Bruner and William Dickinson.

Represented at the Carroll Funeral Home, funeral, was Capt. Holly Holcomb, Lt. John D'Angelo, along with others in uniform from the Milwaukie office and many other officers who had worked with Petrie through the years.

The Milwaukie office sent a star shaped wreath for the casket and it was also announced Petrie was buried at the Willamette National Cemetery in full uniform.

The late officer started out in the traffic division of the state police work and soon went to the game division of the group where he had worked for about 19 years in the work he liked so well.

It was announced by Sheriff Joe Shobe that a group attended from the sheriff's office in full uniform out of respect for a fellow law officer and one who was well known in Clackamas county.

Chief Claire Newman said the Oregon City police department was represented at the funeral in Gresham as well as the police chiefs from Estacada and Sandy. Chief Ard Pratt, of the Multnomah county sheriff's office, said a delegation had attended from their office also.

and Tom Cutsforth, the impact of Minaryd's vehicle wiped out five 12 X 12 posts and about 60 feet of the guard rail, constructed of double 3 X10 timbers some of which were thrown 200 feet.

The car rolled 50 feet down a cliff and was completely demolished. A Sandy doctor was called to the scene by deputies who feared for the life of the driver. Minaryd was found in a small corner of the front seat of the car which was completely closed in by mangled doorposts from both sides.

Minaryd was taken to the Gresham hospital by the Estacada ambulance and treated for a serious head cut, a broken left arm, a broken jaw and other undetermined injuries.

Failure of drivers to heed the emergency signals of red light and siren caused county deputies some chagrin over the weekend when a private car was driven through town at a high rate of speed followed by the sheriff patrol car. Robert Bunch, Eagle Creek, was rushing his 14-year-old sister, Ima Jean, to a physician's office when the sheriff's car began to follow. Both vehicles, the police car with siren and light, reached speeds nearing 80 mph but were calmly ignored by motorists who refused the right of way.

Miss Bunch had been suffering from pneumonia and had reached a condition which seemed so critical her brother loaded her into the car and made a desperate run for the nearest doctor's office.

In a two-car accident three miles east of Government Camp about 1 p.m. Saturday, one woman was injured when the car in which she was riding was involved with another vehicle. It is reported the first car stopped because of poor visibility at the second car hit from behind.

Drivers of the two cars were identified by police as Henry Christman, Portland and Harley Silcrate Dosser, Redmond.

Passenger in the Christman car was Agnes Christman. Passengers in the Dosser vehicle were Mrs. Eldon McCain, Walter McCain, both of Redmond and Mrs. Gertrude Kelsey, Rochester, Washington. Mrs. Kelsey was the only person injured and she was taken to a private physician for treatment.

Mark Revenaugh, 11, Sandy, escaped injury late Saturday afternoon when he was thrown to the pavement, his bike on top, in the crosswalk on the Loop highway in Sandy, in front of Wright's market. Witnesses to the accident, investigated by Sgt. Tom Cutsforth and Sandy Police Chief Jim Barden, said the boy had dismounted from his bicycle and waited for traffic to stop before entering the marked walk. He was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Norma Sindt, route 2, Sandy, as she was accelerating after coming to a stop. Mrs. Sindt said she was watching oncoming traffic and failed to see the boy.

Schoolboy Is Regatta Tops

ESTACADA— Seattle high school senior Barry Lewis, 17, kept a roster-tail of spray in the faces of his adult rivals here Sunday as he piloted his high-speed outboard hydroplane to win in the Oregon Motor Boat Racing Association's Easter Regatta.

The stormy afternoon failed to discourage 2,000 spectators from watching young Lewis, in his second year of racing, outrun defending champ Louis Wheeler of Albany. Called the 'Ice Breaker' the race opened the 1960 season for OMBRA and had 89 drivers competing from Oregon, California and Washington.

Wind and heavy rains kept the North Fork lake course rough and choppy. Three boats spilled and a dozen were seriously near.