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Athletics Rated Over Academics

For youngsters wavering between a career in academics or in athletics, the answer came loud and clear in Portland papers last weekend.

News stories revealed that the University of Oregon's football coach, Len Casanova, is paid \$17,100 per year; his counterpart at Oregon State, Tommy Prothro, gets \$16,500. The highest any of the state's academic deans receives is \$15,833.

In other words, services of football coaches are valued higher than the most gifted of the state's professors, whatever their eminence.

The fact of the matter is that professors would average much closer to \$8,000 per annum; only department heads could seriously threaten wages paid heads of the state's two largest football factories.

Oregon isn't alone in this approach. At the University of Washington, for instance, a young professor gained a small measure of fame — and a paragraph in Time maga-

zine — several years ago when he observed that the salary paid a new football coach there "would have paid for two and one-half assistant professors."

The colleges, of course, point out that the state pays only a small part of the salaries of the coaches. Most of their wages come from the athletic departments, theoretically an arm of student government independent of the school administration.

But whatever the legal fiction, it still comes from the same pot essentially.

American higher education will continue to have its troubles, continue to lose its best teachers to other professions so long as the current wage situation prevails.

Athletics are but a part of a college program. The real aim of higher education is just that, higher education. So long as we continue to place a monetary value on athletics far beyond that we place on teaching competence, just so long shall we continue to turn out fine football teams and half-educated citizens.

Khrushchev Still Has the Initiative

President Kennedy's "get-tough" speech in Berlin last week has received support from much of the Free World.

But some of the more perceptive of our foreign friends have pointed out a serious flaw. Kennedy presented no imaginative new proposal, no gesture to ease tension. The initiative still remains with the men in the Kremlin, where the crisis originated in the first place.

The Communists have had the Free World on the diplomatic defensive ever since the closing days of World War II. Our moves seem constantly to be dictated by Communist strategy.

They apply the pressure here, we react. When the pressure moves to another point, we react there. With the single exception of the Marshall plan, our diplomatic strat-

egy seems to have been a constant succession of putting out the brush fires.

And so it seems today.

Not that the proposal is the whole answer, but 14 British Labor MPs have come up with a fresh, new idea. They propose to move the United Nations lock, stock and barrel from New York to Berlin.

Berlin under the UN cloak would have to be free, would have to be neutral. Permanent access would be guaranteed by UN troops, not by an uncertain corridor which can be closed shut whenever the Communists so desire.

The idea probably has flaws, the diplomats probably could shoot it full of holes. But at least it represents a new approach, an original effort at solving the impasse. It has much to recommend serious and sober consideration by the diplomats.

Old-Fashioned Geography Getting Lost

In the semantics of modern-day education, what we used to call geography now is lost in "social studies."

Only that isn't all that is getting lost; apparently a working knowledge of geography also is disappearing in the process.

A State Department officer who recently toured the nation's colleges and universities interviewing candidates among the Class of 1961 for foreign-service posts had this to say:

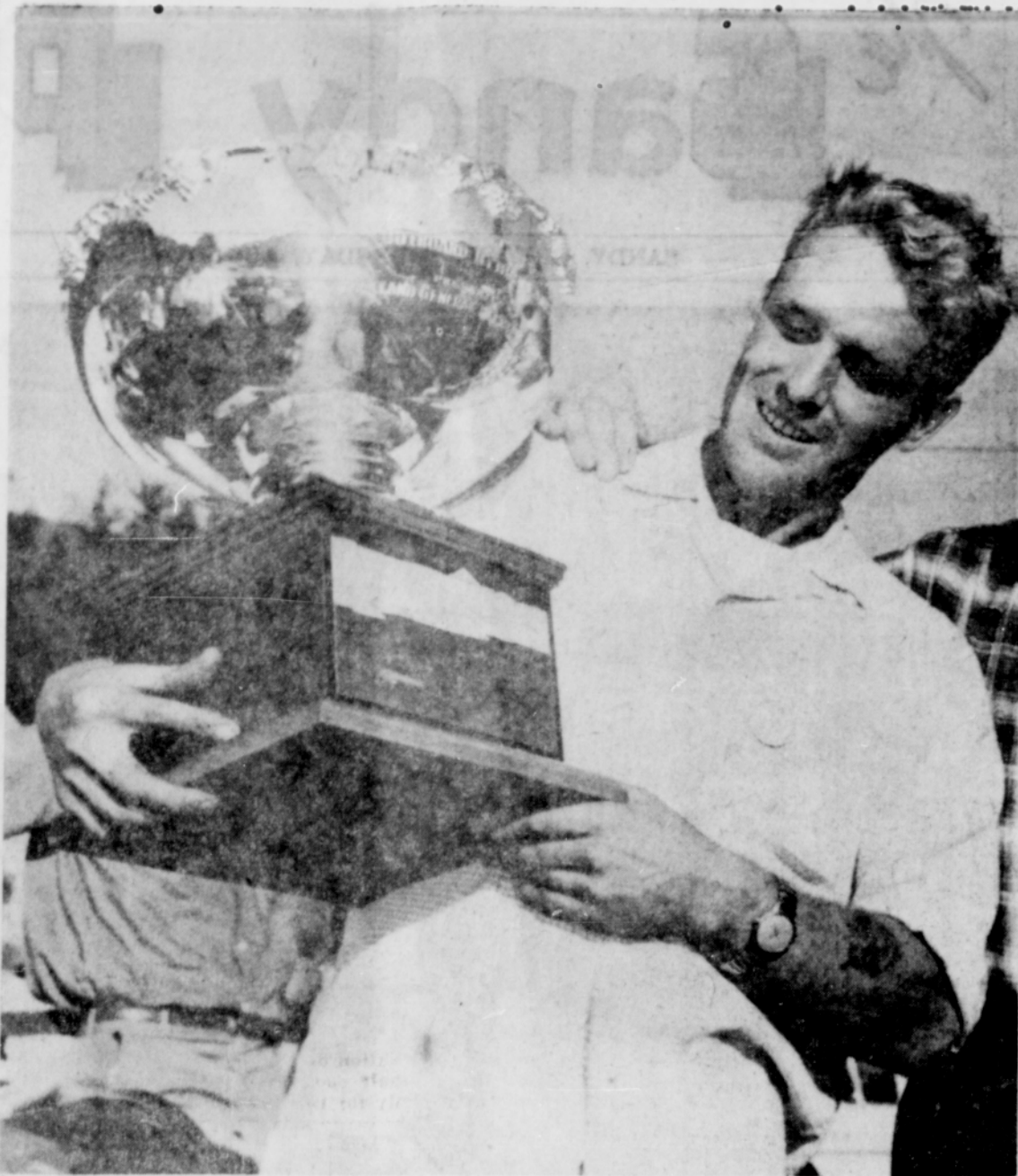
"The fact which hit me the hardest was the appalling lack of knowledge of geo-

graphy among these young people. And I'm talking not only about the geography of foreign lands but also their own country, even their own state.

"It seems to me that a knowledge of geography is one of the very fundamental things every student should have today. On the basis of what I've seen, they just aren't getting it."

Amen.

Of East County high schools, only Gresham and Parkrose list an instructor in geography. Perhaps the other districts should take a second look.



Portland's Orville "Junior" Murray, who last year became the first winner of The Electric Cup as he narrowly defeated the class of the country's outboard racing field, will be on hand to defend his title and trophy during the feature races of this year's Estacada Water Festival Aug. 12-13. Western divisional championships also will be at stake as over 100 of the nation's top outboard drivers vie for the valuable silver cup donated by Portland General Electric company.

Letters To The Editor.....

To The Post:

I was not surprised to see that the thinking of State Senator Vernon Cook, in regards to the legislative edict concerning Daylight Saving Time, is very little different from that which we hear from the majority of our elected representatives these days.

He "simply cannot see where there is any great principle involved." If the issue at stake were merely the determination as to whether or not we would have D.S.T. or not, I might be inclined to agree. Mr. Cook, you fail to see the real principle involved. Perhaps a few questions will clarify the issue somewhat.

1. How many times have the majority of the voters in Oregon rejected the D.S.T. proposal in the past?

2. Does the state-wide vote of the people on a state-wide issue carry any weight with our elected officials?

3. Does repeated defeat of a state-wide measure give our representatives justification to permit any other state or county body the right to over-ride this defeat?

4. Do our legislators feel that just for the sake of an example, even though State Senator Monroe Sweetland was defeated by Howell Appling for the state office of Secretary of State of Oregon, that they would be justified in authorizing the County Commissioners to appoint Sen. Sweetland in this capacity in their county if they so desired?

5. Would the easy way out and the least costly way out not have been to allow the majority vote of the people to stand?

I am so sorry Mr. Cook, that you cannot see the basic and only principle involved and that — the vote of the people of our state on a state wide issue. Unfortunately our state government will continue to reflect, not the will of the people, but the authority of the people's public servants. You and all must decide the proper attitude. Where do you stand, sir?

Sincerely,
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Redmon Overseas
Army Pvt. James L. Redmon, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Redmon, Sandy, recently arrived in Germany and is now a member of the 24th Infantry Division.
Redmon, assigned to Company B of the division's 34th Armor, entered the Army last January and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He is a 1960 graduate of Sandy high school.

Church Observes Mission Festival

The new Immanuel Lutheran church of Sandy will celebrate its annual Mission Festival this Sunday. Two services will be held, one at 10:30 a.m. and the other at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. Everard Hinrichs, mission secretary for the Northwest District in Portland, will preach at the morning service. Speaker for the afternoon service will be Edet Iteun of Nigeria, who is currently studying education at Portland University.

A potluck fellowship dinner at noon will follow the morning service. The public is invited to both the service and the dinner.

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