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## Bayonets, Bullets and Barbed Wire

The ideological and moral bankruptcy of Communism never was more starkly demonstrated than in the events of last week-end in Berlin.

Only by the use of the most repressive of measures can the Communists keep thousands, perhaps even millions of their subjects, from fleeing to the west. If this be the "wave of the future," as Nikita Khrushchev so proudly predicts, the world is heading into a latter-day Dark Ages.

It's becoming increasingly apparent that the Russian boss is not fooling when he says Berlin is "a bone in my throat" which must be removed.

Communism has not been a success in East Germany. As long as the escape route through West Berlin is available, the defections from East Germany will continue. And if East Germany eventually should fall out of the Communist orbit, the other satellite nations wouldn't be far behind.

Khrushchev is aware of all this, apparent-

ly to the point of risking a catastrophic war. Any consolidation of Communist gains is inconsistent with maintenance of the status quo in Berlin.

The Russian leader is said to have told Pres. Kennedy at Vienna with the utmost seriousness—no table-pounding, no hysterics, no violent outbursts—that the Soviets were irrevocably committed to keeping East Germany in the Russian orbit. On this there never would be any retreat.

U.S. diplomats long have been worried lest defections from East Germany hasten precipitate action in Berlin. A breathing space during which serious negotiations might be conducted would be lost, they feared, if the flight of refugees became more than the Communists could stand. This is exactly what has happened.

The crisis grows ever deeper.

But bayonets, bullets and barbed wire never can supplant the individual freedoms upon which Western civilization is based.

## Hanford Project Is Scuttled

An amazing variety of reasons—most of them political—have been given for Congressional torpedoing of the nuclear power project at Hanford.

These range all the way from influence of the coal lobby to reaction against Sec. of the Interior Udall's untimely blast against professional football's Washington Redskins.

House Republicans were largely opposed to the Hanford development. They were joined by Democrats from the coal-producing states, from the oil-rich Southwest and from the South. The coalition (no pun, intended) was enough to defeat the Hanford project.

Udall entered the picture when he scorched the Redskins for failure to hire any Negro football players. This reportedly in-

fluenced some Southern senators to vote against the Udall-backed Hanford project. Politics, as someone said, makes strange bedfellows.

The unfortunate part of the vote, however, is the feeling by a majority of representatives that this was merely another pork-barrel project, that the Pacific Northwest will for years to come have an unused surplus of power.

We wish the gentlemen who felt thusly could have suffered through the brownouts of not so many years ago. Power experts say the same situation could occur again in the near future. But by then, nuclear power at Hanford will be even more costly to implement.

This was not an intelligent vote. But politically-inspired votes seldom are.

## A Real Opportunity for the Reporter

It doesn't take much insight to see that the real beneficiary of the Oregonian-Journal "merger" is neither of these two worthies, but instead the tabloid Portland Reporter.

Sale of the Journal to the Newhouse interests was badly bungled by the two big Portland papers, especially the recent story in the Journal which said the rumors "met with no substantiation." The papers were, in truth, badly beaten on their own story.

The Reporter was born out of the bitter newspaper strike at the Oregonian and the Journal. It became a daily last February and quite obviously has been carrying too little advertising to be any howling success.

But acquisition of the Journal by the Newhouse interests gives the Reporter an excellent opportunity to make substantial gains. Absentee ownership at both the Oregonian and Journal may cause advertisers to turn to the Reporter, and the Reporter shows every indication of following up this possible advantage.

Watch the big food and department store accounts for a possible hint. If the Reporter is able to land some of these, it definitely will be on its way.

On the other hand, we feel the Reporter

could overplay the "monopoly" feature present here. We know of several instances where monopoly operations have produced two superior newspapers with no loss in depth of news coverage. The Minneapolis Star and Tribune, for example, are excellent publications—even though both are owned by the Cowles Publishing Corp.

Anyone who has followed newspaper cost studies knows that the "merger" here in Portland is nothing new. With but two exceptions, newspaper costs have risen more than income every year since the end of World War II. In other words, in 13 of the 15 years since 1945, the profit margin has been relentlessly squeezed.

Facing these circumstances, newspapers countrywide have resorted to mergers—that is, if they wanted to stay alive.

The Reporter has been a well-edited, well-written publication to date. Though we don't always agree with the sentiments expressed therein, we think its editorial page has been particularly good.

Rather than stressing the "monopoly" situation now extant, we hope the Reporter continues to improve its news, editorial and picture content and thus even more merits the growth almost certain to come.



Participants in the 4-H canning contest at the Multnomah County Fair last week were Dorothy and Carolyn Wand, junior canners, and Marjeanne Graff, a senior canning contestant. Carolyn demonstrates the proper method of lifting a jar out of the canner. (Outlook photo)

## At Lusted—Family Reunion Draws Local People; Blevins Receive Surprise Visitors

By MRS. J. DOLLOMITCH  
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LUSTED—Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Iekler and son, Arven, Miss Colleen Iekler and Gerry Cudat, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Iekler were members of a group of 40 who attended the Meade family picnic at Sequist State Park in Washington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Iekler and Arven have returned from a week motor trip through eastern and southern Oregon and a short distance into California. They visited the Oregon Caves.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Blevins had surprise visitors Sunday when three sisters and a brother-in-law arrived unexpectedly. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bassett and Mrs. Edna Lewelling of Albany, and Mrs. Clara Plankard of New York City. Another sister was unable to be present.

Sunday guests at the Clinton Witter home were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gohard of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harring and daughter, Mary Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Martyn Witter and daughter, Mary Jane, all of Portland; Mrs. Florence Witter and Doris of Gresham, and Mrs. Gertrude Caddy.

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Witter were honored on their recent birthdays by a dinner at the Robert Harring home. Mrs. Caddy and the Jess Gohards were also present.

Helen and Cora Spaulding who have been visiting their cousins here and in Portland left Saturday night by plane for Idlewild airport in New York from which they will go to their homes in Vergennes, Vt., and Pittsfield, Mass.

Mrs. Delbert Carrell of Port-

land was a Saturday caller at the home of her sister, Mrs. Marie Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pifer of Vancouver, Wash. were Saturday callers in this area.

House guests at the John Park home have been their grand son, Brent Shimozono of San Mateo, Calif., and Mrs. W. C. Orr, of Boise, Ida.

The Ralph Shriver family have returned from a vacation at East Lake, Ida., where fishing was enjoyed.

Last Thursday evening the L. C. Moulton home was the scene of a party honoring S/Sgt. and Mrs. Walter Holy and daughters of Amarillo, Tex., who have been house guests of their parents.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Stanley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bailey and two children and Mr. Jim Hendricks.

Miss Deloris Wasson is scheduled to return here from Las Vegas, Nev., this week.

Miss Mary Lou Caddy has been visiting at the Portland home of Miss Marilyn Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Duke of Napa, Calif. were recent callers at the George Ruegg home.

## Picking Cones Requires Permission Of Landowners: Check List Provided

State Forester Dwight L. Phipps recently issued a reminder that it is a necessity, under the law, to secure a permit to harvest miscellaneous forest tree products and certify thereon that the permission of the landowner has been secured. This was a result of forest landowner's concern about the extensive damage to trees that results from numerous individuals indiscriminately harvesting forest tree cones and other minor forest products in the lowland Douglas fir of Western Oregon.

Many instances have been observed where eager cone pickers have heavily damaged the trees by cutting off green limbs and breaking the tops out of the trees. Trees 20 to 30 feet tall have even been felled for what cones they possess. State law places the defacing of trees on the property of another as a misdemeanor, subject to a fine or imprisonment or both.

Since cone picking season often begins while the fire hazard is high, certain forest areas are closed during this period with notices posted on access roads. Pickers may not enter these areas without approval of the landowner and an entry permit from a state or federal forest officer. The immediate fire danger situation at time of harvest can be secured from a local forest official.

Cone collectors are provided with the following check list: 1. Check first with cone buyers to determine species, origin and seed count requirements; 2. Locate suitable picking areas and obtain the landowner's approval; 3. Secure a harvesting permit from any state or federal forest official; 4. Check on fire regulations and closures, and get permits if necessary; 5. Test cones for seed count and ripeness before picking; 6. Deliver cones to dealer daily or provide storage.

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## Wool Laboratory Invites Visitors

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, cooperating with Pacific Wool Growers, has set up a wool standard testing laboratory at the Pacific Wool Growers warehouse in Portland. The work is carried on under the Agricultural Marketing Service, Livestock Division, with headquarters at the Wool Laboratory in Denver.

Pacific Wool Growers' wools will be tested for shrinkage and yield of clean wool by the core testing method. Grade and diameter of fiber, which are important factors in evaluating wools, will be tested by a micrometer machine, which by utilizing low air pressures, determines the diameter of the fiber in microns. A micron is 1/25,000 of an

inch. Length of staple and length of individual fibers will be tested by the electronic wool staple length recorder. These are all relatively new developments in scientific wool handling to determine values and use, says R. A. Ward, general manager of Pacific Wool Growers.

Pacific Wool Growers invites wool growers, wool technicians, woolen mill representatives, wool dealers, college teachers, county agents, students, and others to visit the laboratory and see the work in progress. This is the third year that Pacific Wool Growers has carried on this cooperative wool testing with the Department of Agriculture. The laboratory will be in operation for about three weeks.

## State Fair Show

### Ducats Available

Reservations for tickets to the Dennis Day stage show at the 1961 Oregon State Fair, Sept. 1-9, are now being taken at the fair office, Manager Howard Maple announced today.

The show is scheduled in the new auditorium, and Maple said that contractors and suppliers have assured him the building will be completed by Aug. 21.

There will be 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. performances each day of the Fair, except Sunday when a matinee show will be added 2:30 p.m. Tickets may also be reserved for the afternoon horse races and the matinee and evening performances of the rodeo.

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