

Consistent View of Our Freedom?

We found somewhat to our dismay that we disagreed with much of the reasoning behind the speech presented by Dr. William C. Jones, University of Oregon's former acting president, at a dinner speech Monday (see page one story).

In developing his first point Jones questioned our maldistribution of wealth, and suggests social spending through taxes.

In his second point Jones again speaks favorably of social spending.

Elsewhere in his speech Jones indicated his support of America's stated abandonment of the gold standard.

Western civilization revolted against tyranny in centuries past, and we'll grant that the material progress associated with freedom was not fairly distributed. But the counterrevolution against our revolution for freedom that started with Karl Marx has been gaining ground. The welfare state as much as the communistic state, is part of the counterrevolution, and "social spend-

ing is both welfarism and unnecessary curtailment of freedom.

Certain segments of any economy have always been able to afford to spend lavishly. In our economy the overwhelming majority of families are not rolling in luxury, and need higher "social taxation" least of all. Economic growth will be stimulated with principles that re-assert the tenets of our original revolution: freedom economically and politically.

The world—and America—recognizes the gold standard whether we say we do or not, and our legal abolishment of the gold standard was perhaps the biggest step we took toward our present inflation. And inflation is another of the paths leading away from the political and democratic freedom that has been our goal.

We would feel more secure if our educators felt more consistent support for the system of freedom that sparked our forefathers.

What Is Happening to Union Membership?

A scholarly study on the decline in numbers of the American labor movement has been completed by Solomon Barkin, research director of the Textile Workers Union.

Barkin naturally attributes much of the decline to management resistance. But he also admits that a major cause is the reluctance of new workers and nonorganized workers to join labor unions.

In some U.S. communities, he notes, union membership has earned a kind of "suspect status because of the excessively bad publicity some unions and union leaders have developed."

Losses have been most severe in mining industries, transportation, service and motion pictures. In manufacturing, he notes losses in textiles, wood and lumber, tobacco, food and kindred products, petroleum and coal, primary metal, rubber, leather and leather products.

Barkin also is disturbed by the removal of industries from the East and Middle

West, where organized labor is strong, to areas in the South and in smaller communities where union influence is much less.

Barkin feels that the crisis in labor unions is, in effect, a crisis in our democratic process. Unions, Barkin says, are a part of the internal balance which keeps our economic system strong. Remove that balance and troubles will arise.

He also suggests an impressive blueprint for union action, a whole host of specific programs.

His Point 4—"Both unions and management must develop responsible economic policy" strikes at the heart of many of the latter-day complaints against unions.

It is in the exercise of their massive economic power that unions today draw the most criticism. Public opinion polls have shown the voters as suspicious of "big unions" as "big business."

Barkin's excellent study should do much, not only to influence the course of the labor movement but also that of management. It deserves careful study.

Don't Remove the 6 Per Cent Limitation

We agree wholeheartedly with the Gresham town council in its support of the 6 per cent limitation.

Councilmen there recently went on record as opposing removal of the 6 per cent clause as suggested recently by an official of the League of Oregon Cities.

The suggestion that the limitation be removed is due, of course, to the increasing difficulty experienced by all sorts of governmental bodies in financing needed improvements. The theory is that the 6 per cent clause is a halter on all sorts of necessary projects.

However needed these improvements may be, we just can't see removing the limitation.

In the first place, the taxpayer then would have no control over expenditures by every municipality, school district, fire district, water district, drainage district etc.

Why Is an Explanation Necessary?

Ten years ago, the nation was disheartened by the disclosure that a number of GI's taken prisoner in the Korean war had either (a) defected to the Reds or (b) lost all sense of discipline while imprisoned.

The Army conducted lengthy studies on the returnees, vowed that something of this nature "never again would happen."

But apparently it has.

We're referring to the issuance last week by the Army of a pamphlet entitled "Why Me?"

Briefly, the pamphlet attempts to sum up reasons and policies behind the partial mobilization order this fall. The reservists and national guardsmen are being told just why they're in the service.

The very fact that such a pamphlet is necessary is appalling. It reflects not only on the Army but also on our educational system, our media of communication, clear on up to our national leaders.

We think it should have been crystal clear why these men were called up: the Berlin crisis and attendant other crises. They were summoned to duty to deter aggression by the Sino-Soviet bloc.

The fact that many reservists apparently didn't know "why" means that somewhere we're just not getting the job done. Had these men been rushed into combat, all outward evidence points to a repetition of the Korean prisoner-of-war collapse.

We desperately need a rebirth of national spirit.

nations applauded; only the West objected.

Russia, of course, emerged as the champion of the down-trodden; we as defenders of the imperialists. A whole series of "wars of liberation" well could be set loose. West New Guinea, Macao, Hong Kong etc., all may be on the list.

We only hope that Adlai Stevenson is right in saying the U.N. will come through present difficulties and lead the way to peace. With even the pacifist Nehru adopting the rule of might, lawlessness seems rampant.

and one well-qualified academically, but he also has a broad background in the newspaper field. He was, in fact, considering a tempting offer to return to active newspapering at the time Duncan's move.

An Excellent Choice

The University of Oregon suffered an acute loss when Charlie Duncan left his post as head of the School of Journalism for a similar job at the University of Colorado.

Not only is Hulteng a top-flight teacher was made public.

Column Comments

from your
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

Clackamas County agent Clayton Wills reports a continuing interest in the egg marketing workshop for Jan. 9, 11, 16 and 18.

This is a 12 hour course designed to help egg producers, handlers and retailers do a better job of marketing this high quality protein food.

Extension poultry marketing specialist Charles Fischer will head the work with help from other state and private agencies.

According to Robert Smith, extension agent, the crop reporting service of the U.S.D.A. for the first time, beginning in 1962, will conduct a crop estimating program for bush and caneberry growers for sale in Washington and Oregon.

This type information will be of great value to growers and buyers in making future plans. Crops to be included in Oregon are red and black raspberries, black and dewberries, Boysen, Young and Logan berries.

All growers in Oregon will soon be contacted by mail. A prompt reply will be of great help in initiating the program. Coyote lethal poison stations have been placed in remote areas of the county, according to information received from the Fish and Wildlife Service office in Portland.

Tessa stations, by reducing predators, are for the protection of domestic livestock and game animals. They are cooperatively sponsored by Clackamas County, the state department of agriculture, state game commission and fish and wildlife service.

Details as to exact location can be obtained from Gale Rollison, county trapper, phone OLive 6-7791. Donna McCoy and John Klesow, County 4-H agents, indicate they were very pleased with reports of 4-H club community service projects during Christmas season.

Another opportunity for service is available to all 4-Hers throughout the year—the International Farm Youth Exchange.

IFYE is a two way exchange program giving delegates from foreign countries an opportunity to live with families in the U.S. and giving U.S. delegates an opportunity to visit homes in foreign countries. The goal is to create world understanding at the grass roots.

There are a variety of ways for 4-Hers to participate. The most common is donating money. A new circular, "Fresh Fruits and Vegetables," now in the Extension office shows the availability of fruits and vegetables in Oregon markets for every month of the year, according to Helen McDowell. You may obtain a copy of this circular by calling the Extension office, OLive 6-2641, or writing, P.O. Box 511, Oregon City.

Letters to Editor

To The Sandy Post:

What's all this bunk about "Nell's Notes"? I did not happen to see the complaint that appeared the week before last but if the lodger of said complaint doesn't like the "Notes" said lodger doesn't have to read them—there are plenty of us who will, and do.

And my admiration for the Editors of the SANDY POST who so ably and willingly defended their able and willing neighborhood correspondents.

Dave Faubion
Wemme, Oregon

To The Sandy Post:

Quit picking on our Nell! We who know her up here on the mountain get a big kick out of her column—that's the first thing we read. I'll admit you maybe have to know her to appreciate her sense of humor, but most of us know her very well, so let us enjoy our little chuckles each week, and I suggest the ones who aren't so fortunate, just skip that little spot in the Post, and go on to the more literary epics.

If you have news—call her and tell her about it—it will be in print if you do. She can't write it if she doesn't know it. My only complaint is that there isn't more of it—and Howe!

B. Gaulke
Wemme, Oregon

The good in human affections must have ascendancy over the evil and the spiritual over the animal, or happiness will never be won. —Mary Baker Eddy

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SNACK YAK

When I was a child we ate our food
Three times a day at table.
And though we hungered in between
We grew up strong and able.

No automatic way had we
To store ice cream by gallons.
No TV snacks or cookie packs
In which to sink our talons.

Our appetites were allowed to grow
To magnificent perfection.
And when mealtime came we showed for food
A hungry child's affection.

But modern youth requires his food
In constant bites and pieces.
He starts to nibble en route to school
And not till slumber, ceases.

An appetite he's never had
Much larger than a rabbit's.
But constantly chews and gnaws
To satisfy his habits.

The "Teen" today is not like Dad.
Who scraped the platter clean.
He never eats when meals are served—
He only eats between.

If this goes on, it won't be long
Ere Breakfast, Dinner, Lunch,
Are set aside as time for work—
And all other hours for Munch

Facts Worth Sinking About:

One inch of rainfall on one acre (43,560 sq. ft.) equals 6,272.640 cu. in. or 3,630 cu. ft. Since a cubic foot of pure water weighs about 62.4 lbs. (varying with its density), one inch of rain falling on one acre of surface would weigh 226,512 lbs. or 113.25 short tons. A U.S. gallon of pure water weighs 8.345 lbs. So one acre - inch of rainfall would equal 27,143 gallons.

Portland's average annual rainfall is 39.91 inches which amounts to 144,877.30 cu. ft. per acre per year, which means each acre is annually submerged under 1,083,271.63 gallons of water weighing 9,041,193.92 lbs. or 4,519,807.5 tons...and it's all free! Skiers note: Ten inches of snow is equivalent to about one inch of rainfall.

I am becoming somewhat of an expert on local flora and fauna. After months of intensive study, I have gleaned much useless, but noteworthy, trivia which I present briefly for your dubious edification.

The Rhododendron is not the state flower of Oregon, nor, as might be supposed, is it even the state flower of Rhode Island. The state flower of Oregon is the Oregon Grape. The Oregon Grape doesn't look like grape but looks more like a holly with a vitamin deficiency. You can make a kind of jelly from its berries, which resemble buckshot, but I wouldn't care to eat any of it.

Douglas Bequeaths Name
The Douglas Fir is not a true fir, and was named by a Scotchman who happened also to be named Douglas. He got around enough to discover the Douglas

Squirrel and name it after himself and also unimaginatively, I think, gave his name to quite a few other Oregon natives. The Douglas squirrel is noisy and not good to eat, unless you happen to be fond of the taste of turpentine.

Beavers, contrary to popular opinion, can't control the direction in which a tree will fall—they just chew away and hope for the best.

Mountain Beavers are not beavers at all. They are mute and a r.e. inexplicably mis-called "Boomers" by many ("Boomer" is really an Appalachian squirrel). They were misnamed Sewellels by the early trappers, but are actually Aplodontia, which undoubtedly accounts for the fact that they are called anything but. They are more like gophers than beavers. Their fur would make you a warm coat, but you'd probably rather freeze than be seen in it.

Jay Speaks Loudly

The cup of poison H.mlock that Socrates drank was not made from the local tree of that name. Skunks and thistles are good things to stay away from, and don't go far from home if you chew any Chittum bark. Grouse are silly birds and don't have the sense God gave geese—unless you happen to be hunting them. The local Stellar's Jay is far handsomer, and far noisier, than his Eastern cousin.

You won't get sugar, but you will get shad: from the Oregon Maple. Vine Maple in a clump or two is ornamental, but by the acre is obnoxious. Wild Hazel bears delicious nuts called Filberts for the exclusive benefit of squirrels. The mossy lichen gathered from fallen logs makes an ideal storage place for fish worms, better than Mom's refrigerator. There were not any

poisonous snakes in the area until my scouts brought home, and promptly lost, a baby rattler. Skunk cabbage is well named. The woods abound with mushrooms and various fungi, some are edible, some are merely unpalatable and some are deadly poison. Many of the highly edible ones are extremely repulsive to view, while a beautiful (and peelable) specimen could bring agonizing death to the untutored gourmet.

Stump-Control Explained

There are many ways to get rid of stumps. Bulldozing them out is a good way if you just happen to have a handy bulldozer lying around. Blasting stumps, besides being a heck of a lot of fun, gets them extracted from the ground with marvelous efficiency, but leaves you with about six times more stump exposed than you had before. Coal-pitting is considered most effective by some authorities, although others decry its results. I, personally, have given this matter much thought and have evolved two simple and satisfactory methods. The first method is to look carefully at the stump from all angles, decide it is a beautiful and picturesque work of nature and allow it to remain where it is. You can later plant ivy or geraniums around it. The second method is to pull the stump out by hand when it is very small (about two inches in diameter) and still attached to the tree.

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