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Benevolence Destroys Freedom

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As a Democratic majority party which controlled a runaway Congress crowed jubilantly about the accomplishments of the recently adjourned session it would do well to give thought to the words of Plutarch.

"The real destroyer of the liberties of the people is he who spreads among them bounties, donations and benefits," the ancient Greek essayist wrote.

So it was with the first session of the 89th Congress. If judged on the volume of legislation alone, the session might be called "the greatest in American history" as suggested by President Johnson.

But volume cannot be equaled with genuine accomplishment. Effect of the legislation on the lives, attitudes and freedom of the American people and the structural changes in the American concept of minimum essential government are more valid criteria.

In this respect, there is no question that the recently-ended session will have a more profound effect on our way of life than even the 63rd Congress which set in motion the New Freedom of Woodrow Wilson or the 73rd which initiated the New Deal of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The emerging picture of the so-called Great Society shows unprecedented federal spending of \$119.3 billion, unprecedented federal intrusion into American lives and state rights, and poor one-party runaway legislation that is perhaps without a parallel in U.S. history.

Now the federal government will have more control of our education,

our welfare, our medical needs, our culture, our housing, our cities, the beauty of our landscapes, the air we breathe, the upbringing of our young people, our industries, our farms and our taxes.

Much of the legislation is inimical to the Republican form of government we have known and further constricts our individual freedoms.

Much of it was structurally bad legislation, a point of implicit in the remarks of Sen. Mike Mansfield, Democrat majority leader. Calling for a slowdown in volume at the next session, Sen. Mansfield said it is necessary to bring about "the perfection, the elaboration and the refinement of basic legislation . . . a number of gaps and any number of rough edges, over-extensions and overlaps," exist.

Passing imperfect bills knowingly in a blind race for a runaway record is indeed a poor way to legislate. This alone should serve as an incentive for serious-minded persons to support Republicans in 1966 to give Congress checks and balances so urgently needed.

Special tribute is due Sen. Everett Dirksen, Republican minority leader, without whom the runaway Congress would have been completely uncurbed. Although he was ailing and badly outnumbered, Dirksen showed he has no parliamentary peer in Congress.

Hopefully, Sen. Dirksen and other Republicans may soon get the numbers to stem the tide of inflationary, thoughtless legislation and runaway domination of Congress by one party. For the sake of nation it cannot come too soon.

Commissioner Skoko Accepts HHH Invite to Attend Wash. D.C. Confab

Commissioner Stan Skoko of Clackamas county this week announced acceptance of an invitation from Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey to attend a County Officials Conference in Washington, D. C., Jan. 19-20, being held in conjunction with the National Association of Counties.

The purpose of the two-day session is to acquaint county officers with various federal grant-in-aid programs and how these programs may be utilized to the benefit of the counties.

Only counties with a population of 100,000 and over will be represented at this session, the first in a series the Vice President intends having with

county officials. The Vice President is the official liaison between county governments and President Johnson.

Commissioner Skoko stated that certain key officials of the National Association of Counties also would attend the Conference, which is being conducted by the National Association of Counties.

The Vice President will be assisted at the Conference by various key Department and Agency leaders. Highlighting the session will be a reception by the Vice President and Mrs. Humphrey in honor of the delegates. At the reception, the delegates will be briefed on the Nation's foreign policy by high State Department officials, Commissioner Skoko said.

Bells Return From Hawaii

The G. L. Bells' of Cherryville returned home from a nine day Hawaiian vacation. They traveled Jet flight with members of their family, arranged by "Churchill Tours," receiving red carpet reception all the way.

Fourteen members of the family making the trip were: Bud and Vivian Bell, Mrs. A. W. Easton, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Morgan, Leslie, Carol and Larry of Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Comstock, Rob, Randy and Roseann of Redmond, and Linnette Lofting of Portland.

Bud returned to work at Gene's Grocery wearing a real Hawaiian sun-tan. He reported the weather had been around 83 degrees.

Income of the average American family is projected by economists to reach \$9,500 within eight years. It was \$6,600 in 1964.

Days of Yore In Sandy



The MOUSETRAP

At the dinner table the other night my little boy, Richard, who is in the third grade, was telling us about the fight that day on the school grounds he was in. Daddy kept asking him if he was supposed to be fighting at school and he continued to evade the question when Mother told him to ask Daddy if he got into fights at that age.

So, naturally the son countered and Daddy replied: "I just hit them with my purse!" This started a round of giggles, except for Richard, who wanted to know what that meant.

Now that recalls the story of the little fellow who came home sobbing to his mother one afternoon after school with clothes all tattered and torn. "What happened to you," the mother tenderly inquired of the lad. He replied, that some of the big bullies at school had called him "a sissy" and proceeded to beat him up. "Well, what did you do?" the mother queried. The youngster retorted, "I hit them with my purse and ran!"

On the subject of family I might inject at this time that our little baby girl, who is approaching the six month mark, is doing wonderfully well. She has started to sit up for short periods of time by herself and when put in the walker she has a bug that makes noises tied to it and knows if she moves the walker the bug will make a sound for her. As any parent would "we think she is terrific!"

Did you know that today's newborn baby has a life expectancy of about six years more than his Dad had; but his Dad, in turn, had a life expectancy at birth of about 12 years more than his father! The same newborn baby, on the average, will live some 35 years longer than one born in Classical Rome, and about 45 years longer than a Neanderthal baby.

In the same vein we are told that women, biologically some three years ahead of men in the teen years, on the average live three years longer than men, thus netting in effect a gain of about six years of mature life.

Last Thursday afternoon I was privileged to be one of the newspapermen that sat in on a press conference with the new college president for this area. I found Dr. Earl L. Kalpstein to be a very personable individual with a great deal of zeal and enthusiasm. My personal summation of the news conference is that the college board has made an excellent choice of a president for the upcoming community college named after "our" mountain.

A startling remark that he made (to me) was that in 20 years the community colleges of the nation would be graduating as many as the high schools do. I know that I had never thought of such a thing. Dr. Kalpstein also discussed the community college as being a "Jack of all Trades" in the education field due to its tremendous flexibility. To better clarify what he meant by such a term he said that "the great strength of the community college program lies in its ability to change . . . to be responsive to change and adjust quickly to the educational needs of the area it serves."

Discussing the finances of building such a college he mentioned a figure of \$10 to \$15 million can build a good community college. In the next breath he stated "How many universities and regular colleges can you build and get underway for that sum?"

One newsman asked him how many years he felt it would take to build Mt. Hood Community College. His answer was six to seven years to build this college (into the educational institution he desired and felt it should be by that statement).

With that Kalpstein remarked, "I'm a builder and it gives me a real sense of satisfaction in being the first president. . . it's a real challenge. . . and I consider the potential here to be really great."

Comparing the community college program here in Oregon to that of systems established in California and Washington where he has served colleges in the same capacity the educational leader stated the system here is better. Two thoughts mentioned for these feelings were the larger area education districts with a bigger tax base (allows a spread and keeps taxes low) and the framework of separate boards provides a decided advantage over states such as Washington.

With far fewer restrictions here in Oregon to work by it gives more opportunities and allows a fresh look at things and problems which face the individual college. Enthusiastically Kalpstein predicted that we would have "a very fine community college here that will operate with less money once it gets going than any other way."

Relative to the teacher and instruction needs of the college he stated there are several applications on file and he will be making several phone calls while looking for a certain kind of people. . . that's what it takes in the community college program, he added, indicating that not all teachers would work into the pattern of community college instruction.

Listening to the college prexy recalls to mind the item contributed to a newspaper in Zanesville, Ohio: "On a recent trip out West, my husband and I shared a table in the dining car with a young man from Oregon, who told us that Oregon is the greenest, the most progressive, the friendliest, the most civilized, the most healthful--in short, the greatest state in the union. Later I asked my husband if he knew what the young man's business was. 'I'm not sure,' he replied. 'Oregon-grinder, I guess.'"

Along the same vein the Empire Charleston Builder offers this for our edification; "The codfish lays ten thousand eggs. The codfish never cackles to tell you what she's done. And so we scorn the codfish, while the humble hen we prize, which only goes to show you that it pays to advertise."

Since we started this week's column with the story of my son's battle on the school yard grounds I will close with this story:

Mother discovered her little daughter fighting with the boy next door. After parting them she lectured her daughter. "Next time," she said, "I don't want you hitting Johnny back. Remember you're a lady. Out-talk him!"

Once there was a man with a store who thought he would advertise more. And so many came. It's just not the same. Now he's built a much larger door.

Our basketball team did itself right proud last Friday night as they upset a favored Parkrose quintet. I missed getting to the contest but from the conversation of sports fans here it was a thriller.

Did you know that the first basketball game ever played between five-man teams took place in Iowa City, Iowa in 1897?

An enterprising lady publisher at Prineville has printed some business cards up for herself with a poem for the message on the reverse side. The message reads like so: HERE'S A MESSAGE FOR YOU, "No More!" Now business is Tame, And who is to Blame? He'll soon have to close up his door.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Crouse, I want to thank you very much for the nice picture you took of our house, last week. We had many, many comments about it.

If your sales went up about a dozen copies, it was because of me. I sent copies of the picture to my family and friends back in New York.

Again, many thanks. Sincerely, Mrs. Dwight Bergh Rt. 1, Box 90 Boring, Oregon

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a check of \$1 for which please send me a copy of your "Household Budget Record" the ideal system. Thank you very much.

I would also like to say, we enjoy receiving the Sandy Post, as we are former Sandy residents for most all of our lives, having only moved 1 1/2 years ago to be closer to my husband's work. We especially enjoy the personal items of people we know and are acquainted with.

Would enjoy more of these. Also a suggestion would be to print the name of people in darker print. This has been done before.

Thanks again. Sincerely, Mrs. W. Duncan 6804 Louisiana Dr. Vancouver, Wash.

P. S.: You may put this in your paper as a letter to the editor. Would also add a word of greeting to all our friends there, if you do so.

Thanks

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