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AS I SEE IT

BY BOB KAYE



The thought that several thousand people may be reading my column has suddenly gotten to me. I suppose that most would rather have me stick to some well chosen words of wisdom about such things as Vietnam or the Campus riots rather than to drift off into such "Who-the-hell-cares" subjects as animal stories or Extrasensory Perception. However, I don't know what will interest my readers unless they write in and tell me but I am quite sure that Vietnam makes me sick in my soul and the Campus turmoil gives me a big pain in the seat of my pants.

I also have convictions that there are some really important concepts that people should have and hold onto, about ourselves and the world around us, in view of the uncertainties that we all face. It is my hope that I might help to lay a few stones in their foundation by pointing out some of the lesser known observations and facts, coupled with a modicum of rational thought on their implications.

Since we have mentioned it, let's spend a few moments considering Vietnam. Firstly, we have to admit that it is a dirty, stinking, miserable costly, indecisive war, and we are not proud of our part in it. There are good reasons for this. We might well have avoided it if our leadership had been better versed in behavioral Psychology.

Having gotten into it, we have really caught our hand in a wringer and neither Dove nor Hawk can get it out again without our society suffering serious damage, the extent of which we are only just beginning to comprehend. In all the millions of words that have been written about Vietnam, I at least, have yet to see our predicament discussed in terms of the natural behavioral instincts of mankind which, it seems to me, are basic to the issue.

There is no question that a major struggle for world power and, indeed survival, is in progress between groups dedicated to our type of ideology in the one hand and groups subscribing to what is euphemistically known as communism on the other. In this crucial struggle, there were good (even if not wise) arguments that we could not allow Southeast Asia to slip into enemy hands by default. All this being granted, the lessons that we should have learned from Korea, even if we were ignorant of or chose to disregard basic patterns of behavior that would be certain to handicap our efforts, should have caused us no surprise at the unhappy consequences of attempting to make the jungles of Vietnam a successful battleground for us.

Paramount consideration should have been given in the beginning, to the fact that we would have to operate in the wrong territory in such a way that we would be certain to arouse the defensive instincts of the local inhabitants on the one hand and would most probably fail to have the united support of our own people on the other.

Furthermore, we faced the tricky situation of what was essentially a power struggle between two local groups (neither one of which gave a continental damn for our ideas of human rights) seeking to rule a populace that was unaccustomed to having any voice in their government and therefore without the sense of political responsibility that is so absolutely essential as a foundation for a viable democracy.

For strategic reasons we felt it expedient to aid the clique that was opposing those who were communist and who, most unfortunately for us, were losing the fight. Naturally they welcomed and encouraged us since our power on their side was the only chance they had to survive. This need to avoid destruction overcame the resentment that they felt as the result of our presence in their territory. However, this resentment is by no means lacking even though suppressed for the time being. It is a powerful reason why they have shown themselves to be such lukewarm allies when the bullets are flying.

Precisely the same attitudes were manifest when we invaded Europe as allies of Britain and France during the first and second world wars. Here, again, we entered someone else's territory, and as soon as the war had been won and their survival was assured, both countries wanted nothing so much as to have us get the hell out again. Britain's desire to see us depart was less acute than France's for the simple reason that we were not occupying the British Isles but our armed forces were very evident in France.

De Gaulle's resentment at our continued presence was not the result of the profound workings of his towering intellect, or even because of real or fancied slights to his ego by the British and American leadership during the war as any number of Pontiffs have pontificated. De Gaulle's attitude would have been completely understood and appreciated by any troop of baboons whose territory was being occupied by alien baboons.

So we got into Vietnam, not because we cared particularly about all the wrongs being suffered by the poor Vietnamese people, they only began to really suffer after our arrival in force, but because we considered it to be in the interests of our survival. True we had a treaty commitment to consider, but either such a treaty was of questionable wisdom in the first place if it constituted an iron bound necessity that we would have to do what we did in the event that the communist powers tried to seize control (which we expected as very likely - hence the treaty), or we simply used the treaty as a good reason for doing what we had decided to do in any case.

Our native allies want us there for the moment because with our help they can stay alive and, as dividends, they are making a personal fortune from our presence. It is to their obvious interest to prolong the

war as long as possible for victory, unless decisive, will result in the loss of their source of revenue in exchange for a very risky position. In no event can they be counted on to protect our interests voluntarily due to their covert resentment of our being in their country.

It requires a really high grade of naivety of a kind we seem to have patented, to believe that the South Vietnamese government is truly concerned about the people they rule in the way that we might be, or that they are motivated by the ideals expressed in our Bill of Rights. (to be continued)

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College by Karen Mills, Public Information Officer

MHCC TESTING

Saturday, July 19, Mt. Hood Community College will administer the ACT test for those students who have already registered for Fall quarter. For those students planning to register for Fall quarter, the Junior College Placement Test will be given on Saturday, July 26, at a fee of \$5. Students who are interested or need further information should telephone the Counseling Office at 665-1131, ext. 252.

SUMMER SESSION

Over 750 students are enrolled in the more than 100 classes being offered in its third Summer session, according to Wilfred Burgess, dean of student affairs.

Both freshman and sophomore college transfer classes are being held, along with offerings in vocational-technical and occupational extension classes. Summer session will end on Aug. 15.

Mt. Hood Dates All Comer Meets

A series of all-comers track meets will be hosted by Mt. Hood Community College for both men and women.

The first of the two divisions is high school and open. These will be Thursday, July 17 and Fridays, July 25, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8 at 6 p.m.

The second division is for boys and girls ages 6-14. These will be Saturday, July 19 and 26 and Aug. 2 and 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting place is the Mt. Hood College track. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged to all participants.

Farm Bureau Picnic Aug. 17

The Multnomah County Farm Bureau picnic is scheduled for Aug. 17 at Blue Lake Park. A thanks to all who donated prizes for the picnic.

Because of bad weather, the picnic was postponed. Friends and members are cordially invited.



NEW WATER LINES being installed on Proctor Ave. have kept street torn up and residents wondering how long they would have to endure the consequent inconvenience. According to Ken Burdick, city maintenance superintendent, the new line will run to Center St. and the work should be completed in another week or ten days. (Post photo)



SALEM SCENE

by ERRETT CUTTER

"I got the April 15 blues. From my eyebrows to my shoes..."

Traditional American refrain.

Paying state personal income taxes is not expected to be any less painful, but thanks to the 1969 legislature Oregonians now will have an easier time figuring out their shares.

Effective retroactively to Jan. 1 this year, House Bill 1026 simplifies Oregon's complex tax law by relating state and federal taxable income. It is considered to be the most significant change in Oregon's personal income tax in its 40-year history.

It does not mean that state taxes will be assessed as a flat percentage of federal taxed paid, as is done in some states. It does provide that federal taxable income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code and reported on federal returns, less certain deductions and plus some additions, is taxable income for purposes of Oregon's personal income tax.

Allowable deductions from federal taxable income arriving at state taxable income include:

- Amount of any federal income taxes actually paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year, less the amount of any refunds or abatement of federal taxes paid or credited to the taxpayer.
- Certain retirement incomes.
- Interest or dividends on obligations of the U.S. and its territories and possessions exempt from state taxation.

Additions to federal taxable income include:

- Amount of any Oregon income taxes deducted on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for the taxable year, less any refunds or abatement of Oregon income taxes paid or credited to the taxpayer.
- Interest or dividends on obligations of securities of any foreign state or political subdivision of any foreign state.
- Interest or dividends on obligations of any authority, commission, instrumentality and territorial possession of the U.S. which by the laws of the U.S. are exempt from federal income tax but not from state income tax.

The revised law also enacts new rates for Oregon taxpayers, running on a scale from 4 per cent of taxable income under \$500 to a tax on income over \$5,000 of \$345 plus 10 per cent of the excess over \$5,000.

New rates are intended to collect the same total amount of revenue as under the previous law, according to State Department of Revenue estimates. There can be individual tax liability increases of decreases, however, even though the state says it will collect no additional revenue.

Estimated personal income tax revenue to the state in the 1969-71 biennium is expected to be \$455 million.

Another measure passed by this year's legislature, House Joint Resolution 3, will be put to a vote of the people at the November, 1970 general election.

It would amend Oregon's Constitution to permit the legislature in future to enact laws to automatically adopt changes in the future to enact laws to automatically adopt changes in the federal Internal Revenue Code.

Ambassadors Slate Dollar Car Wash

The Christ Ambassadors, young people's group of the Sandy Assembly of God, will have another dollar car wash on Saturday, July 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Clair's Sandy Richfield station. Proceeds from this and other fund raising projects will go to the CA's "Speed the Light" mission fund.

CHEFS CAUTIONED

Concerned about the cost of food? You're not alone. Velma Seat, Oregon State University Extension food marketing specialist, gave us some interesting facts worth thinking about.

Twenty years ago food took 25 cents out of each take-home dollar; now it's down to about 17 cents. There is also a greater variety of foods from which to choose. Foods today are higher in quality because of research, better refrigeration, faster transportation and government inspection.

Mrs. Seat also points out that a growing family means a growing food bill. The consumer expects the supermarket to stay open longer hours, provide a parking lot, and to cash checks. All this adds to the cost of doing business.

To check what you are spending for food against the average for other western families, ask your county Extension office for a free bulletin, "Tour Weekly Food Bill."

Popular polyester knit dresses are washable, providing the trim, facings and linings are washable. Check the hang tag to be sure.

This fiber attracts oily soil so be sure to examine garments before washing. Grease spots should be removed first by rubbing with a paste of detergent and water or full strength liquid laundry detergent. This treatment is advised for the collar line also.

Many of these garments launder satisfactorily by machine in warm water. Gentle agitation and spin are advisable. Turning inside out helps prevent snags. When drying in a dryer, take the garment out as soon as it is dry and hang.

Sen. Hatfield Notes Application Deadline

Senator Mark O. Hatfield said today that the deadline for applications for the Naval Academy, Military Academy, Air Force Academy and Merchant Marine Academy is Aug. 1.

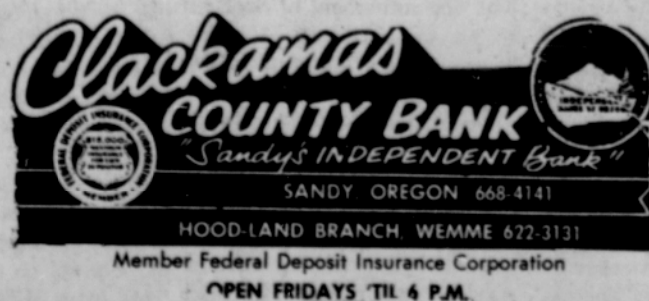
Applications should be directed to Senator Hatfield's office, 463 Old Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

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Pony Shodeo This Week At Alpenrose

The 11th annual Alpenrose Shetland Shodeo is being sponsored by the northwest Shetland Pony Club July 17 through 20.

Halter classes are scheduled July 17 with the first performance July 18 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday performances will be at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Ponies shown in hand and harness and under saddle presents a parade of champions said to be unequalled in the pony show world.

Tickets will be given away to children under 14 Saturday afternoon and Sunday for a shetland pony and tack. Pony and tack are being donated by Gresham Western Outfitters. Admission is free.



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