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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

This area has just experienced one of the most delightful occasions I can ever imagine anyone wishing to see—an Azalea Festival, with weather the likes of which can be found in few places. I couldn't help but notice how everyone of the local people attending the affair boasted of all the blessings which were ours.

Manley Robinson sounded the keynote at the banquet Sunday evening when he attributed all of the success to the co-operation of all who worked toward the success of the venture. For the benefit of the uninformed, I must add that there were uncounted hours of labor behind this festival.

The association worked since early in the year on the project—and the committee put in but a small amount of time as compared to the Azalea Garden club which sponsored the flower show. It is useless for me to attempt to describe the flower show—few writers could be equal to that task, but I must say that it is a mystery to many just how a community of this size is able to accomplish so much.

A new innovation this year—the art display, was something else, and credit is due to Mrs. Olive Page for its appearance. This display, according to Manley Robinson was more than just a good beginning—it was almost a rival to the flower show.

How can any community such as ours have so much culture per capita? Where else could you go from house to house and find anything to equal it—even in the metropolitan area?

Revelation of the magnitude of the tourist business should be something for local people to attempt to follow. With all the natural elements of the area in its favor, certainly this area is in a likely position to capitalize upon this business, which has already rivaled the movie industry in money spent, and almost equals the amount spent for food alone.

Co-operation made the 1948 festival a success—and a co-ordinated effort toward making this area sought by tourists would pay dividends in astronomical figures.

Each year the festival teaches this community new things about its hidden possibilities—this year it gave people a better insight on

what may be expected. If unity is the watchword, then the whole community will profit in a like manner.

I wasn't exactly surprised in learning that Dewey was able to top Stassen in the Oregon primary election, Friday, but I was really surprised to learn that McKay was able to win over Hall as nominee for the governorship. I felt that Hall would win and by a large majority.

Was talking to Louie Stoller Monday about his campaign, and he re-assured me that he had withdrawn from the race and had made an attempt to have his name taken from the ballot.

Coos county votes gave Fred Adams the comfortable lead he enjoyed in his race against the local candidate, Charles Grayshel who did practically nothing in his own behalf in the campaign.



By Harris Elsworth

There is considerable difference, I find, between being a private citizen who hates Communists and being a member of congress who hates Communists but who has a part of the responsibility for the passage of laws designed to deal adequately with the Communist regime. As a private citizen, I want to see the Commies and fellow-travelers who would turn our country over to Russia slapped down in every way possible. But, as

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a member of congress, I must always be aware of the fact that laws we pass affect all citizens equally; that once a law is passed which gives the executive branch of the government certain powers, the congress has no control over the administration of the law; and that, if we pass any law which would give a bad executive powers he should not have, great damage would be done our people and government before such a law could be repealed.

The Mundt bill, which was recently passed by the house of representatives, implements a popular idea. It would control and virtually drive out of existence (theoretically) Communists and Communist front organizations. With that idea most of the people in the country agree. The house passed the bill by the overwhelming vote of five to one. I regret that I could not vote for this popular measure, partly because the pressure campaign carried on by many of the opponents of the Mundt Bill has been extremely repulsive to me.

The reason I voted against the Mundt bill is that, in the future, such a law could easily be used by the political enemies of loyal and innocent people to smear and persecute them. The bill says: "It shall be unlawful for any person to attempt in any manner to establish in the United States a totalitarian dictatorship the direction and control of which is to be vested in, or exercised by or under the domination or control of, any foreign government, foreign organization, or foreign individual; to perform or attempt to perform any act with intent to facilitate or aid in bringing about the establishment in the United States of such a totalitarian dictatorship." Violations of these and several other provisions of the bill are punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than ten years, or both. It is my belief that, not only the portion of the bill just quoted, but several other paragraphs in it could some time be misused by the executive branch of the government to destroy political enemies and perpetuate itself in power.

In the year 1798, problems faced by our young republic were quite similar to our present ones. France had helped us to win freedom from England, but by 1798, France, under the direc-

tory, had infiltrated agents into the United States, had succeeded in controlling a number of newspapers, and was otherwise behaving very much as Russia is attempting to behave now. H. C. Lodge, in his book, "Alexander Hamilton," says: "Hamilton believed, and so wrote to Washington, that there was a party in the country ready to 'new model' the constitution on the French principles, to form an offensive-defensive alliance with France, and make the United States a French province. He felt, in short, that there was a party in American ready for confiscation and social confusion." If reference were made to Russia instead of France, the same statement would apply today.

The federalists, under leadership of Hamilton were in control of Congress, in 1798, and so, in an effort to curb the influence of a foreign power, the Alien and Sedition Acts were passed. The abuse by the executive and the courts of the great power conferred by those acts aroused the wrath of the people and ended in the destruction of the Federalist party, but not before many men were arrested, fined and/or imprisoned.

I do not mean to imply that the Mundt Bill is a repetition of the sedition act. It is not. The Mundt bill is a statesman-like document, skillfully drawn, but its objective is close to being identical with that of the Alien and Sedition Acts, and the circumstances under which it is now being considered are somewhat similar to those of 1798.

Several competent authorities, including Governor Dewey, New York, have expressed the opinion that we already have laws sufficient with which to cope with the Communist menace. He stated, I believe, that there are 27 applicable federal laws. If these federal statutes and applicable state laws are enforced, there is no need, as I see it, for the congress to yield to the emotional tension of the present and pass legislation such as the Mundt bill.

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In The Mail-box

Editor Pilot:

I read in the last issue of Pilot that a meeting of citizens of southern Curry county proposed that southern Curry county secede from the state of Oregon and join up with state of California.

Now we are beginning to see on the front burner. I am heartily in favor of becoming part of California. Everything that is done today in southern Curry county is intimately connected with California.

When our babies are born, are born in California; when we are sick, our ambulance takes us to California; when we go to California, our logs go to California; we go to California for our recreation; we do most of our business with California and as far as climate is concerned, we are more like California than certain parts of California are like California.

When this land was created, long line of high hills shut from us, any view of Oregon, stretching far to the south, open vista, we have a beautiful view of California.

Let us leave our present home where we are treated like illegitimate children, and go into a grander mansion. Let us go to California, the land of perpetual sunshine, oranges and olives, drillers and gold diggers, a place of romance and life in the perlatives, the home of Hollywood and the blonde cinema queens.

We love you, Mother Oregon, but the time has come when our child must leave its home and do something for itself. California here we come.—A Son of Oregon.

Weather Report

For the past week, ending Sunday:		
	Max.	Min.
May 17	57	43
May 18	59	43
May 19	55	46
May 20	58	44
May 21	59	48
May 22	64	48
May 23	56	49
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