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The department of justice, or whatever federal law enforcement agency has responsibility under the circumstances, is already a two-time loser on bail-jumper Gerhart Eisler. He apparently gained entrance into the U. S. under questionable legal circumstances and our courts found him in contempt of congress and guilty of executing false documents. Now he has escaped the toils of the law and is in Europe—or someplace across the water. So far as I am concerned, we may as well call it a draw and start over. Only this time we should make it certain we don't lose the third time by letting the fellow back into the country. We have too many of his sort now. Norway has a rascal like him by the name of Quisling.

Several times I have mentioned the fact that the trial of Alger Hiss was repeatedly postponed. As this is written he is actually being tried. I shall keep my fingers crossed until some decision is reached in his case. Watch for

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funny legal operation. If this trial reaches a final conclusion, I shall be surprised—and delighted. Notice, please, that in making this comment, I do not express hope of a verdict of "guilty." This man Hiss is either guilty as he is charged or innocent. Whichever it is should be established by the court, and soon.

Federal public housing bill H. R. 4009, has not yet been sent to the floor by the house rules committee. I mentioned this bill in a previous letter. You may be interested in recent developments. The rules committee has had the bill under consideration for a couple of weeks or more. This committee, by the way, consists of eight Democrats and four Republicans.

The committee has been disturbed by the fact that the bill has not had the customary clearance and approval by the Bureau of the Budget. It is such an important bill and involves the expenditure of so many billions of dollars that it seemed only right and proper that the President's bureau of the budget should give the committee and the house of representatives the benefit of its views. The committee decided to make formal inquiry of the bureau.

In its letter of inquiry the committee requests opinion and advice in general on the bill and then asks three specific questions:

*First—It is pointed out that the housing administrator will be empowered to make capital grants of hundreds of millions of dollars for which the credit of the U. S. is pledged and the following question is asked: "Does not this subsection in effect constitute an actual appropriation for future years which cannot be reviewed in any way by the proper appropriating committees of the house and senate?"*

*Second—The rules committee points out that subsidy financing which might total over \$16 Billion in the next forty-four years is provided for in the bill in such wording that congress would not have anything further to do with it, and asked this question: "Do you favor making a binding commitment of this kind for outright grants without any responsibility of review in the next forty-four years?"*

*Third—the committee next points out that the total capital cost of the million housing units would come to \$8 3/4 billion. Then it shows that subsidy payments of four hundred million annually for forty years would be sufficient to pay interest and amortization on \$11,300,000,000. In simple language what the committee says is that the government could today borrow \$11.3 billions and construct all of the housing units contemplated under the language of the bill, then give them away free of charge and thereby make a net saving of \$2 1/2 billion to the taxpayers. The following question is then asked: "Is it in accord with the president's program that federal subsidies for low rent housing should exceed by a considerable margin the entire construction costs of such housing?"*

It seems to me those are very pertinent questions. The reply, if any, made by the bureau of the budget should be most interesting.

**Father's Day Will Be Church Theme**

SMITH RIVER—Since Sunday is "Fathers Day," the local Methodist church is going to observe the occasion with special services for the day. Rev. E. C. Hicks will bring the message.

**Fires Brought Under Control**  
The fire which has been burning on the property being logged by the Denny Lumber Co., several miles up Rowdy creek, is the same one that fire-fighters had under control a week ago. Monday it broke out again and new fighters and equipment were sent to the scene. It is reported spreading now, and out of control.

National Forest and Gasquet ranger station rushed men to the scene and Denbar mill stood by all night Monday, and by Tuesday, the spread was under control it has been reported.

**Twelve Graduate**

Twelve graduates of Smith River union school received their diplomas at commencement exercises held at the hall Thursday evening, with all twelve taking part:

- Procesional—Dorothy Rowley. Pledge of Allegiance—All.
- Invocation—Rev. E. C. Hicks, introduced by Eugene Camman.
- Salutatory — Sandra Elftman, introduced by Gordon Broadbent.
- Class History—Barbara Buckner.
- Class Will—Patty Naill.
- Class Prophecy—Janice March.
- Chorus — Camptown Races: Beautiful Dreamer: directed by Miss Sybil Stephens.
- Citation for Attendance — Mrs. Helen Tracy.
- Commencement Address — Mr. Harland McDonald, principal of Crescent Elk school. Introduced by Jim Rooney.

Athletic Awards—Warren Engdahl, president, P-T. A., introduced by LeRoy Caparoon.

Valedictory—Evelyn Samuelson —introduced by Eugene Camman.

Presentation of Class Pins — Mrs. R. C. Landerholm, introduced by Charlotte Marvin.

Presentation of Class — Mrs. Helen Tracy, introduced by Elain Richards.

Presentation of Diplomas — Palmer Westbrook, chairman of board of trustees.

Closing Song: "America, the Beautiful"—Audience.

Corsages and boutonnières were made by a group of women, with Mrs. Lewis Ulrich as chairman.

The Lucky 13 club of Denbar Lumber Co., purchased the class pins and the Smith River P-T. A. gave the athletic emblems.

The school held an enjoyable picnic Friday at a beautiful spot up Rowdy Creek, and was attended by pupils, parents, friends and teachers of the school, to mark the close of the school year. Outdoor sports were enjoyed, and lunch was served at noon. Ice cream and punch were served by the school.

Miss Sybil Stephens, teacher of intermediate grades of the local school, left Friday evening by bus for Portland where she will board a train to visit her folks in Minnesota. She plans to attend summer school and take a teachers training course at University of Minnesota.

**Local News Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Barton of Klamath Falls are parents of a six pounds, six ounce son, born Monday morning. They have named the young man Raymond Ross. Mr. Barton is the son of Mrs. Floyd Swearingen of Brookings and Mrs. Barton is the former Frances Reekman of Harbor.

Mrs. Bill Hempel entertained a group of nineteen youngsters at a party at her home Thursday afternoon in honor of the second birthday of her son, Billie. While the young guests were too young to do much playing, a good time was enjoyed, with the honored guest receiving many presents. Later in the afternoon Mrs. Hempel served refreshments to the young guests and 12 mothers.

Mrs. Ada Vincent of San Francisco is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schaal. She plans to remain until after Lily Blossom Time, in July.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roderick and his sister, Mrs. Tompkinson, were called to Wapato, Wash., last Thursday, by the death of their brother, Frank. They returned home Tuesday.

A meeting of Curry county fair board will be held June 16 at 8 p. m. at the court house, Gold

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**Realty Transfers**

Mrs. Maud A. Williams of Ventura, Calif., but formerly of this area, has purchased the Lewis Swadberg home near the Catholic

church, and plans to take possession in about 30 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lamer-ton of Portland have sold their three acres and building in the Harbor area to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester N. Fisher who had been leasing land from Pedrioli Bros. Mr. Fisher intends to make immediate improvements on the property. Both transactions were handled through the Pete Lesmeister Agency.



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