

Communication From Australia

The following is an excerpt from a letter received by Erskine Miller:

Carramar, New South Wales, Australia, May 2, 1953.

I found the copy of "The Miracle of America" most interesting and informative regarding the U.S. economy. I feel that the general attitude here will eventually move in a similar direction. But at present our trade unions, which are very powerful and control one of our principal political parties, resolutely set their face against any move which may have the effect of increasing production. Their argument is that such a course would bring about a recurrence of the great depression of the 1930's, when over-production and lack of purchasing power caused employers to lay off labor on all sides. I honestly believe this attitude to be entirely wrong and will prevent Australia, a potentially great country, taking her rightful place in the world.

However, there are some signs of relaxation of this attitude, notably the fact that the Australian Council of Trade Unions, which governs union policy, is now conducting an inquiry into incentive schemes in industry to see whether they should reverse their line of thought and give their blessing to such schemes, which should result in increased production and consequently reduced prices.

I am sure that everyone would benefit from this, especially union members themselves. And, lest you should think that I am against unions, I am a member of the Federated Clerks' Union, which is very militant. In fact, up to 12 months ago, most of the senior clerks were avowed Communists, but we managed to throw them all out and now have

a moderate group in control. And it was only because the ballot was conducted under the supervision of the Arbitration Court and thus honestly conducted that we were able to achieve this.

I agree with your comments on English government. It is my belief that English politicians are generally honest men trying to do their best for their country according to their own ideas. It could be that most of the English politicians are relatively well off so there is not so much incentive to be dishonest. Also I think that being a member of parliament invests them with a good measure of political standing which they guard jealously, shuddering at the thought of a scandal which would receive the immediate attention of the press.

Our own politics here are generally above reproach as far as scandals are concerned. There is plenty of evidence of incompetence but downright dishonesty is rare. Of course there have been scandals in the past but these have been thoroughly aired through the press and investigated by way of official inquiries. So that most politicians hesitate before embarking on any venture which might end up in their being required to explain their actions before a Royal Commission. Also our courts dispense justice with a high degree of impartiality so that any person deserving correction, no matter how high his public standing, would in all probability find himself in prison.

However, I do consider that our parliamentary system makes for politicians rather than statesmen. We have the English two-party system. By this I mean that the party, or coalition of parties forming the majority, form the government; with the minority party forming the opposition. In the event of the government party being defeated on a bill they would have to de-



4-H NEWS

4-H'ers TO GO TO SUMMER SCHOOL

Thirty-four Curry County 4-H members leave for summer school at Oregon State College at 9:00 a.m. PST Tuesday, June 16 from Brookings and will make stops at Pistol River, Gold Beach, Port Orford and Langlois for Mary Gail Smith, Sharen Bennett, Anna Ettinger, Ruth Ann Porisch, Neil Garner, Joan Wolff, Milton Walker, Ray Brooks, Nancy Chapin, Deanna Fackrell, Jean Gardner, Clyde Oliver, Katherine Remy, James Young, Billie Crook, Robert Fackrell, Janet Glass, Vesper Bailor, Sharen Jarrett, Arlene Kerber, Beverly McKnight, Carol Rausch, Joanne Renhard, Bobby Jean Sypher, Pat Kerber, Terry Timeus, Joe Clyde, Billy Pettyjohn and Marcia McDonald.

Mrs. Louise W. Turner, Sixes leader, and Mrs. Sylvia C. Lee, home extension agent, will accompany the delegation for the 11-day learning, recreation and sharing with one another in group living.

These trips were made available to the 4-H members by our local clubs, service groups and granges, and business and professional people in Curry and Coos counties.

AZALEA HOUSE

Marlene Alspaugh, sophomore at Oregon State College, has been named house manager for the 1953-54 school term for the new Coop-Azalea House, which is being constructed on the campus of Oregon State College.

Home extension unit members from the county have and are contributing to the finances for this house in order to get lower cost housing for students who are attending college and have to earn their way—58 girls from every county in Oregon will share the house this fall, says Mrs. Sylvia Lee.

Home extension unit members are asked to save coupons from General Mills products to obtain silverware for Azalea House. Send or bring coupons to the County Extension office, Gold Beach, and these will be pooled and silverware ordered to insure complete place settings.

clare themselves unable to govern by virtue of the fact that they could not command a majority of voters in the House. This would bring about an election and undoubtedly a few members would find themselves on the outside looking in. Now in theory this is not bad, but in practice it means that no government party member would dare vote against any bill introduced by the government however poor or ill-conceived the bill, nor would any opposition party member dare vote for any bill introduced by the government even though he know it might be essential for Australia's welfare.

Because it is the ambition of every opposition member to defeat the government in the hope that at the ensuing election his party might obtain the majority and thus be the government rather than the opposition. In this way we have party politics in the truest sense and at the best mediocrity in government.

LOUIS M. HERRMANN.

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