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Democracy and Despotism

In 1926 England suffered from a strike of transport workers which spread into a general strike. The government proceeded to break the strike and parliament enacted a trade disputes act designed to prevent a recurrence of such strikes as disrupt the whole economy. Not until the present labor government came into power was this act repealed.

This year London suffered a prolonged strike of truck drivers which halted movement of all goods, including foodstuffs from the docks and warehouses in and about the city. Sympathy strikes were called by dock workers, food store clerks and coal handlers. So serious did the plight of Londoners become that the government used soldiers to convoy food lorries through the city. This aroused resentment and caused the strike to spread as the truckers accused the labor government of becoming strikebreakers. Finally, when employers agreed informally to make concessions, the truckers called off the strike and negotiations were resumed. As has been several times the case in this country, the strike brought large segments of the population to the brink of disaster and then was called off—an escape too narrow for popular comfort.

Our congress is now mulling over bills which may save us from the calamity of a prolonged coal or railroad or communications or public utility strike. But there is no agreement in sight on how to provide such protection. Employers and unions oppose compulsory arbitration, yet measures short of that seem inadequate, as was the case in last May's railroad strike.

All of which leads up to the question of whether democracy which rests on accord and a large measure of tolerance can survive the strains arising when its people are organized into contentious minority groups. Law has fostered in late years the growth of unions and given them power to call strikes, to picket, to engage in sympathy strikes, in boycotts; and as a practical matter to force industry to suspend operations, through threats to replacement workers or monopoly control of qualified workmen. About the only restraint on the unions is self-restraint, which in many instances is conspicuous by its absence.

These group monopolies overriding the interests of the majority and even endangering the lives and health of the people may throw the country into anarchy, out of which a new type of government would emerge. Democracy could not survive a period of prolonged chaos.

In Plato's Republic the cycle of political change is reviewed. It lists the progression: Aristocracy or rule of the best, followed by a timocracy, rule of the politically ambitious, which is succeeded by an oligarchy, rule of the few and the wealthy. Next comes democracy, the rule of the many in an atmosphere of freedom. When the people get drunk with too much freedom then the tyrant moves in and a despotism completes the cycle. There is no law which validates Plato's theorizing; but history is full of examples of how abuse of liberty leads to the "man on horseback" or Napoleon's "whiff of grapeshot" to end the excesses of the French revolution. Mussolini's march to Rome was a pushover because the people of Italy were weary of the strikes which paralyzed production.

We do not anticipate any early shift from democracy to despotism in this country, for two reasons. First, labor unions will learn the risk to themselves in inviting retribution from an enraged public, and govern themselves with greater discretion; second, formulas of law will be found to bridge the powers which unions have abused. If these controls fail, then the country will drift onto truly dangerous shoals.

Exchange Fellows in Law

Yale university school of law is working out a plan for two-way exchange fellowships in law, with foreign graduates in law coming to Yale for a period of advanced study as Yale graduates go to foreign universities for similar study. The purpose is to broaden the education of students so they become familiar with the legal systems of other countries. The practical value would be greatest for those who plan to teach law courses, practice international law or engage in government service.

Modern law is a product of centuries of development with the lines quite definite among the countries with the longest tradition in law, such as the Spanish, the French, the English. Important contributions have been made to the structure of the law and to the science of government by the several systems and one who desires a broad education in law needs to study the evolution of the important systems of law in the world. The Yale undertaking, which calls for private financing, offers rare opportunity for the American and foreign students fortunate enough to be chosen exchange fellows.

Bank Is Criticized

A visiting federal judge at Portland criticized the bank at Monmouth for concealing the fact that its cashier had embezzled funds of the bank. Though restitution was made the employee was permitted to take a position with the Bend bank only to repeat his performance, on a bigger scale. The judge said if the officers of the Monmouth bank had made the facts known the man would not have gotten the second position as cashier where again he violated his trust.

The criticism is justified, though the probable excuse of the Monmouth bank is the understandable one of sympathy for the man and his family who were held in high esteem in the community. Certainly, however, it was not being fair to the sister institution if it withheld such information.

The case indeed is difficult to explain, for rarely does a veteran country banker have a moral breakdown like that.

Federal Tax Cut

We are not hearing so much about the 20 per cent tax cut which is the purpose of the first bill introduced in the federal house of representatives. Instead, we hear more talk about reducing the amount of the proposed cut. And the excise taxes due to expire next June 30 are getting a fresh extension of a year through change in policy of the republicans in congress.

Senator George, whose long experience as chairman of the senate committee on finance qualifies him to speak, though a member of the minority now, emphasizes budget reduction and saving a cushion for possible decrease in treasury receipts this year.

One thing is evident to all conservative-minded persons: Any excess of revenues over receipts may be readily disposed of in reducing the huge debt which hangs over the country.

The Eugene Register-Guard ruminating over the ups and downs of French politics, queries: "the French are still very French, are they not?" Sons of veterans of the first world war came back from France after WW II with the same report.

With three traffic fatalities in Salem already this year the city is off to a bad start. Locating the blame does not bring the dead to life. Preventing accidents is what stops injuries and traffic deaths.

To attest the qualifications of General Marshall as secretary of state the fact is pointed out that he attended numerous international conferences with the late President Roosevelt. Well, so did son Elliott.

Paul Mallon's BEHIND THE NEWS

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—Unions and management agreed a few days back the trend of this nation is toward socialism—a rather startling agreement—although no notice was paid it. Perhaps one reason this cheerless foreboding drew bare public mention was that AFL's Bill Green did not send around a copy of his speech to the publishers as usually he does. What he said

Paul Mallon was: "Yorism is driving unions to the left; the threatened unions reform legislation is being pressed as a stratagem of the Tories to destroy the unions. Pointing to the rise of the unions socialist government in England, Green asked: 'Do you doubt that the same thing could happen here?' Is it inconceivable that union workers might be driven to the same course under similar provocation?"

This sparingly reported speech was made to the conference of mayors at which President Wilson of General Motors said, in a political-economic analysis, which should be read by all students of the subject in full: "The attack on profits is really an attempt to substitute state socialism or communism for our free competitive and capitalistic system. He claimed union leftists were forcing us toward a system imported from east of the Rhine or even from England installing the state as God and government."

Here was considerable agreement as to the fact. They both say that unions are forcing us to the political and economic bankruptcy of the backward nations. Green excuses this by blaming it on what he calls "Yorism" a word imported from England. Furthermore, both seem agreed neither wants to go where we are being pushed.

Threatens Socialism
Behind this, of course, is Green's desire to threaten management with socialism so it will ease down in current dominant demands for union reform. Similarly management wants to threaten socialism to scare labor into a cooperative peace for production. But if the party is talking in this way for propaganda purposes, both are also telling the truth.

What neither Green nor Wilson reported was that socialism has decayed and been corrupted by communism throughout the world. The trend of socialism I would say is toward communism, or a more accurate way to put it is that the communists are using the socialists for their own revolutionary ends. This was not true, earlier in the post-war era. The socialists knew and hated the communists better than we democrats. Since then the socialists have become mere dupes for the communists in France, delivering the national defense ministry of that nation to the communists in political exchange for the premiership—to which the socialists had no right whatsoever since they were the single defeated party which lost ground and was assigned to a small minority by the people in the last election.

British Not Self-Sustaining
In Britain, union socialism has taken the bankruptcy of that nation into a union receivership, which cannot even produce enough goods to sustain itself. Everyone knows about the coal shortage situation, but few realize the same condition applies to other British goods and services. Coal is the biggest natural product of Britain, used for export to acquire import food. Lately Britain has not been able to produce enough coal to keep itself warm and going in winter, but the government had to appeal to the miners to produce more and has only partly succeeded.

Union socialism in Britain has paid the people's money for industries, piling more debt atop the war debt, and as it naturally must grant concessions to the unions in wages, hours and working conditions, it cannot operate to produce enough. This is natural because a union miner, given added pay, shorter hours and less work, can hardly be expected to break his back in an idealistic endeavor to keep the nation warm. Furthermore, in the midst of the union socialist party there has arisen a secret bloc favorable to the Moscow foreign policy or at least anti-American. Anyone with half an eye clear can see where England is going, down, down, down. Churchill once said socialism would have to become a dictatorship like Moscow to force the union men to work, a campaign remark for which he received the counterpart of a tomato in the face. Mr. Wilson now says the same thing from his objective perch. As a matter of fact, anyone can see it.

Green Anti-Socialist
Now Green seems to realize how bad socialism would be for American labor. The standard of living of the British union people is very low as compared with this country and it is even lower in France. Socialism would force our wage level down to the declining receipts which socialism provides. Business you know is not the stationary thing which socialism pretends. You can seize and maintain the profits of any concern only in story books. The profits are due to the energy of both labor and management, and socialism does not generate energy. In either, because it does not carry a reward for effort—a profit to worker or manager for energy expended. Socialism instead tends to break down the volume of production, as can be seen in England, and so there is less for the wage earner and manager to divide among themselves.

These things Green must realize. But he has not yet come

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"It used to be his income tax—now he's tied in a knot estimating his portal to port pay!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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modern science represented by the skilled physician gets a chance.

This lecture series is good, even though it may fail to reach many people or those who need instruction most. There should be a broader and more progressive approach to this whole matter. Students of college age certainly are adult enough to study seriously and frankly the business of establishing a home and making it a "going concern." Old Prof. Matthews did have such a course at Willamette for several years and a course in domestic relations is still listed in the catalog under Dr. Lockenour. Some pastors have held classes for young people who contemplate marriage and have given counsel for making a success of married life. The high divorce rate in this country reveals the need of less haste in mating and greater effort and sacrifice and less reliance on the need to make marriages last as the marriage vows contemplate: "till death do us part." Churches, colleges, community centers, social workers, YMCAs, YWCAs ought to become more active in this field, and not let it be either neglected or become the almost exclusive province of letters to "Dorothy Dix."

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

State of Oregon on relation of Mavis M. Anderson vs. Eldon Gail Anderson and Mavis M. Anderson vs. Eldon Gail Anderson. Defendant ordered to answer.

Frances Douglas vs. Charles A. Douglas. Divorce decreed, and plaintiff's possession of one minor child.

National-Ben Franklin Fire Insurance company of Pittsburgh, Pa. incorporation vs. Orville Lady and J. C. Baughn. Damage suit asks \$428.

A. R. Mathey vs. Walter J. Morrison and Patricia Morrison, doing business under the firm name of Mathey Morrison Electric company and Walter J. Morrison and Patricia Morrison, as individual defendants. Suit with prejudice as to the plaintiff.

Wanda E. Wilson vs. James Dare Wilson. Divorce decreed.

Alice Stravens vs. George Stravens. Suit continued for 30 days defendant ordered to pay plaintiff \$70 per month for support of three minor children and to pay \$60 attorney's fees incurred by plaintiff.

Thelma Jones vs. Lewis Jones. Divorce complaint plaintiff asks custody of two minor children.

Donald Wayne Cooper and Mildred Jane Cooper vs. Clarence Lansing. Plaintiff's decreed sole owners of real property in question.

Bertha Johnson vs. William E. Johnson. Complaint for divorce asks custody of one minor child. Married May 1943.

PROBATE COURT

Joseph Walker estate: Appraisers appointed.

Walter L. Fry estate: Petition for letters testamentary filed.

Ralph Glover estate: Order to satisfy final account. Order approving distribution.

Sarah J. Basey estate: Order approving final account and approving distribution.

Joseph A. Barlow estate: Petition to probate will filed.

Hans Guardianship estate: Issuance of letters of guardianship.

Olaf Sater estate: Order to sell personal property.

Louisa Marie Walker estate: Appraisers appointed.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Albert Herschel, 3630 E. State st. violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

George R. Davis, route 4, Salem. violation of basic rule, fined \$5.

City Treasurer In New Office

City Treasurer Paul H. Hauser moved his office Saturday afternoon to new quarters on the second floor of the city hall.

Quarters vacated by Hauser will be used by City Judge W. W. McKinney for municipal court procedure. Chief of Police Frank A. Minto will have his private office in the space vacated by the city recorder, now located in his new office on the second floor. The second floor offices of City Manager J. L. Franzen and City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz are about ready for occupancy, and the remodeled city engineer's and building inspector's offices are now occupied, though a coat of paint yet remains to be applied.

Housing Project Plan Proposed to Veterans' Council

A plan to encourage public spirited citizens to sponsor a building project of low-cost homes to rent for not more than \$40 a month was introduced by Joseph Hopkins, manager of the Salem veterans' housing project, to the Friday night meeting of the Marion County Federated Veterans' council at Aurora.

Hopkins suggested that the city, county and state be requested to provide low-cost building sites for the homes, and Patrick Grogan, Silverton, president of the council, appointed Hopkins and H. C. "Hub" Saalfeld to bring the plan to the attention of authorities.

Fruit, Vegetable Shipments Reflect Seasonal Decline

A total of 4,339 cars of fruits and vegetables were certified by the Oregon shipping point inspection service for November shipment. W. L. Close, federal-state supervisor, reports. This was about 1200 cars under October and represents a seasonal decline.

Potatoes topped the November list at 1602 cars. Pears at 898 cars were second high commodity. Six hundred twenty-five cars of onions, 397.6 cars of apples and 172 cars of lettuce also were included.

Varieties Small Fruits Discussed for Farmers

LIBERTY—Dillon Jones of United Growers spoke at the Farmers' Union on varieties of strawberries, boysenberries, thornless loganberries and raspberries, planting, qualities and adaptability to local conditions at the recent meeting.

The local will sponsor with the Red Mills grange an open meeting Tuesday, January 28.

Lewis Judson installed Bill Berndt as president; Mrs. Bertie Hewson, vice-president; V. A. Ballantyne, chaplain; W. A. Hewson, conductor; executive committee, William Schattoefer and E. E. Judd. Other officers will be installed later.

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Jersey Cattle Club Awards Made at Meet

(Story also on page 1)
Winners of special awards at the annual Oregon Jersey Cattle club meeting at the Marion hotel Saturday afternoon were presented by Jens Svinth, secretary, and I. Slater, fieldman, to breeders at a special ceremony.

Frank Schutzwahl of Grants Pass was winner of the most awards, including the certificate for the highest living lifetime producer, won on Rinda Glow Charm who had produced 7,738.54 pounds to July 1, 1946.

Other certificates were presented for: Herd classification average of 85 per cent of better; H. W. Waldron Hillsboro; Frank Schutzwahl, Grants Pass; J. M. Dickson & Son, Sheehy.

Registered Jersey cow awarded two or more medals of merit, Mr. and Mrs. John Linsley of Independence. Registered Jersey cow awarded three gold medals in succession, Neal Miller of Woodburn; Frank Schutzwahl of Grants Pass.

Registered Jersey cow awarded three gold medals in succession, M. N. Tibbles and Norman Nash, Sixes. Registered Jersey cow awarded five gold medals in lifetime, M. N. Tibbles. Owner of tested sire having over 800 pounds average on first 10 daughters, D. R. Dickie of Newberg; A. Hulbert of Independence; Frank Schutzwahl; E. E. Cope and Son, Langlois; Nash & Sweet of Sixes; Norman Nash of Sixes; Neal Miller of Woodburn.

For excellent cow bred by owner, L. S. and Audrie Lorenzen of Dayton; H. W. Waldron of Hillsboro; Frank Schutzwahl of Grants Pass; J. M. Dickson & Son of Sheehy; Martin Fox of Molalla.

Breeder of excellent bull bred in Oregon, Martin Fox, A. W. Sweet, O. C. Welch of Salem; M. N. Tibbles, W. E. Liptman & Daughters of Cornelius; Neal Miller.

Owner of registered Jersey cow producing 800 pounds of butterfat, D. R. Dickie of Newberg; Neal Miller, W. L. Nelson of Yamhill; W. D. Warrington of Minerva; L. S. and Audrie Lorenzen of Dayton; D. C. and Son of Sherwood; George Gentemann of Independence; Frank Schutzwahl; Mrs. M. E. Leabo of Independence; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brooks of Independence; Mr. and Mrs. John Lindow; J. M. Dickson & Son.

Students to Hear Quartet

Registration at the senior high school and professional entertainment at school assemblies is slated for the coming week in Salem schools, according to the week's schedule.

Second semester registration will be held for high school students Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Missisippi Jubilee Singers, a negro quartet, will sing at assemblies for senior high, Parrish and Leslie Junior high schools. The quartet sponsored by the National Assemblies company and regularly appear on the NBC radio network from San Francisco.

Camellias Removed From California Ban

Camellias have been dropped from the California citrus quarantine, the state department of agriculture has been informed, and Oregon nurseries no longer need special certification for camellia stock shipped into that state.

CAMERA CLUB MEETS

Camera fans and "shutterbugs" of Salem will meet Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock to organize a Salem camera club under the auspices of the educational department of the First Methodist church. Those interested will meet in the church Fellowship room on the second floor. The club will be open to all persons, and experience in or extensive photo equipment is not necessary.

RESTAURANT PLANNED

George Brown was issued a building permit Saturday by the city engineer's office for construction of a restaurant at 227 Chemeketa st., to cost approximately \$1100.

K. OF C. TO MEET

Plans for an initiation slated for February 9 will be discussed at a special meeting of the Salem council, Knights of Columbus Monday night in the council chambers, beginning at 8 o'clock.

KUCERA ARRESTED

Fred Albert Kucera, 1940 N. Front st., was arrested early Saturday morning by city police on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Perry Wright Dies in Idaho

Perry Wright, 74, formerly an employe of the Douglas McKay company, died Friday at Burley, Idaho.

He was born in Illinois on Oct. 4, 1872, and had lived in Salem at 297 S. 17th st. until his wife died in 1943, when he moved to Burley to be with his daughter and family. He had been a member of Chemeketa lodge, No. 1, IOOF, for 42 years.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lenapearl Stephenson, and a grandson, Perry Stephenson, both of Burley. The body is being brought to Salem for services and interment. Announcement of funeral services will be made later by the Howell-Edwards company.

GLEEMEN TO SING
The 70-voice Eugene Gleemen will sing before the 44th legislature in the house chamber at 4 p. m. February 13.

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