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No Retreat from Socialism

One of the most thought-provoking editorials we have read in a good while was one which appeared some days ago in the Portland Oregonian. Its title was "You Can't Second-Guess." The writer's thesis was that when a country goes socialist it cannot back up to the system of free enterprise and private capitalism. To quote the introductory portion of the editorial:

Perhaps the most disturbing consideration, as one watches the increasing conflict between capitalism and socialism in the world is the fact that where socialism wins the action cannot be recalled.

For instance, in a democratic country such as the United States, private ownership is always on the uneasy seat. Election after election can be ordered on the same issue—say, on government ownership of power. Private ownership may win overwhelmingly today, yet tomorrow it faces the effort all over again. But public ownership if it wins just once is for practical purposes secure, not because it necessarily is more efficient but because it buries its mistakes under government funds and meanwhile the capital, enterprise, and know-how for private investment and operation have been dissipated.

Suppose, for example, that the private power companies of the Pacific Northwest were all taken over by the government power pool, who could or would repurchase them on a private enterprise basis under any circumstances?

So the victory of capitalism in any election is tentative; the victory of socialism is virtually final.

Not only, thinks the Oregonian editor, is there no pool of private capital available to acquire vast facilities if the people wanted to abandon state-ownership, but the entrepreneurs, the capital managers, are lacking. A bureau governs by rote and by rule, by orders in quadruplicate or worse. Advancement is by seniority, top appointments may be by politics. The drive is lacking because the incentive is largely gone. The Oregonian sums the matter up thus:

This situation makes it most important that the people of the United States, who have the greatest state in the world's history, should examine with deepest concern every movement toward state confiscation and control. In some instances these movements have been for the best, at least temporarily. Some will be in the future. Right at the moment, in view of the past election and the makeup of congress, the problem is not that of stopping the expansion of government but of preserving what is good in previous expansion.

In the years ahead, however, the pressure will be toward forcing the United States to enter into the drift, whether gradual or violent, which has caught most of the world—notably the most vital parts of the British empire.

We should all realize how far Britain itself has gone in abandoning the system which made it a power and made ourselves great. And we should all realize, from watching the British example, how irremediable the situation becomes once the economy of a country is surrendered to government.

The decision, in the end, will be made by the people. That is our way. But it is vital that the people understand that they can make the decision in favor of free enterprise may times and still remain free agents; they can make the decision in favor of state ownership only once without committing themselves permanently to that system.

There is another fact which the able editor does not touch on, but which is germane to the discussion. That is, the very limited public ownership that we now have works in the matrix of a private economy. It draws its executives from that field. The current standards of business prudence and operating efficiency are copied in the publicly owned operation. If it is a local enterprise like a water system the governing board is usually drawn from men experienced in private business. This training, this comparison bear fruit in the results shown in many governmental plant operations.

Put everything under public ownership and the value of the parallel operation of private enterprise is lost; no longer is there the reservoir of experienced manpower available either for top oversight or for actual management.

All these are factors which the public needs to be aware of as it sees Britain going headlong into nationalizing of its major industries and communication systems. Maybe the socialist system can be made to work; but if it fails there is no retreat safe after a long period of economic chaos.

"Children of Light"

Years ago when investigating boards extracted from private power companies their lists of paid retainers the finger was pointed both at the companies and the recipients of their largess. In fact the business developed into quite a scandal and brought down public opprobrium on the utilities.

So the list of those compensated by Bonneville Power administration brings something of a shock, to see the identity and the number of those who have shared Bonneville checks "for advice and consultation" on a wide variety of matters. The going rates seem to have varied too. Thus Otto S. Beyer received \$1,825.50 for 28 1/2 days work "for advice on labor relations with employers" while Edwin Kerr got only \$944.82 for advice on methods of rendering customers' service.

Most of the names are unfamiliar, but three names appear that are State grangemaster Morton Tompkins was paid \$2,271.60 for 113 days' service "for advice on the use of electricity in farm operations and development of rural processing plants." Another familiar name is that of Henry Hanzen who was compensated "for advice on conduct of research activities required in connection with war history and on federal, state and local relationship related to the power program. The third name is Carl D. Thomson, long-time executive of the Public Ownership league who has long been on the Bonneville payroll. He got \$4,745.42 for 168 1/2 days' time "for advice to BPA on existing and prospective customers on power supply and rate problems."

Now the laborer is worthy of his hire; but to the public this showering of checks doesn't look good. Presumably service was rendered. But was it of value; and were these persons the best qualified to render the service desired?

It is at just this point that BPA is weakest—the inclination to overstaff its administration and to hire local politicians on rather hazy assignments. One would hardly expect the "children of light" to fall into the same trap as the "children of larkness."

Tax levying boards are up to their ears in their annual circus act, trying to walk the budget tightrope without falling off. The trick is to keep the pole they carry in balance, between income and outgo, with not more than 6 per cent deviation. Judging by the number of special elections being called a good many boards are jumping into the safety net.

The virile Boy Scout leadership in the Pacific northwest receives just recognition at the national scout council's annual meeting in New York this week. Region 11 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Western Montana) is awarded the Lorillard Spencer award for membership increase—11.1 per cent over last year.

The new facilities for lunch and dinner at Silver Falls park are a welcome addition to one of the most spectacular scenic spots in the northwest. There is little doubt that the concessionaire will find a ready acceptance of his venture.

John Gunther was right in his book when he said of State Treasurer Leslie Scott that he is "without a dishonest hair." He would have been nearly correct if he had left out the qualifying adjective.

STAY WITH SHEPHERD TO ME

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the field of education and social affairs but he has been a stimulating speaker before innumerable groups.

Such a meeting was held in the high school and one of the chief speakers was Mr. MacNaughton. His bank has a branch in Gresham and a more cautious individual would fear to "stick his neck out" and offend some of his customers. But MacNaughton said very plainly that as a banker he felt it his duty to speak out in defense of constitutional rights. For, he said, the stability of banking and of the whole economic system depends on the validity of promises. If a few weeks ago MacNaughton presided at a meeting in Reed college to hear noted scientists discuss the urgency of social controls over atomic energy and need of spread of public information. He seemed to have a better realization of the consequences of the new discovery than did the president of the college whose remarks tended toward the facetious. These incidents illustrate MacNaughton's versatility and his temper.

Shortening sail on his bank duties will not, I hope, mean his retirement even partially from the field of public affairs. His insight, his courage, his capacity for the apt phrase are still needed in helping design the pattern for Oregon's life and development.

Mary Y. Pickens Dies in Portland; Services Today

Mary Yeager Pickens, former resident of Salem, died at Providence hospital, Portland, Saturday after several months' illness.

Funeral services in Clough-Barrick chapel will be today at 1:30 p. m., the Rev. George H. Swift officiating. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial park.

Mrs. Pickens, the wife of Robert C. Pickens, was born in Ismay, Mont., in 1919. She spent most of her life in Salem, graduating from high school here and attended the University of Oregon, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Yeager of Salem and sister of G. Robert Yeager of Salem.

Married in 1940, the couple had two sons, Robert C. Pickens, jr., and Richard T. Pickens. They lived in Philadelphia, Pa., for the past six years until coming to Salem in March. They recently moved to Portland.

ELECTRIC MOTOR TAKEN
A 1/4 horsepower motor was taken from the residence of Mrs. Jane Mitchell, 235 S. Hyde st., Saturday night, she reported to Salem police Monday.

JUSTICE COURT
Walter Lee Rauch, route 2, assault and battery, fined \$25 and costs.
Donald D. Smith, 359 Hickory st., 90-day jail sentence suspended on reserving a check with insufficient funds, titation of check and payment of court costs.
George H. Hughes, jr., Turner, four adults in driver's seat, fined \$2.50 and costs.
David Homer Field, Portland, no public permit, fined \$15 and costs.

PROBATE COURT
Hiram Overton estate: Order authorizing claim settlement.
Harvey K. Smith guardianship estate: Order authorizing sale of personal property.
Albert E. Schaefer estate: June 26 set for hearing on final account.
Mathilda Speilbrink estate: Final order.
Mattie Slagg estate: Leola Lange appointed executrix and William A. Starkey, Edith V. Witel and Myrtle N. Shelley appointed appraisers.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Robert Jacobsen, 21, clerk, and Helen Boyce, 20, waitress, both of Salem.

CIRCUIT COURT
Portland Trust and Savings bank, guardian of Harley Ellenwood, vs Credit Bureau, Inc.: Suit seeking to vacate a former judgment against plaintiff Ellenwood.
A. E. Kellogg vs Pearl Hawk: Suit to collect \$2,000 for alleged destruction of fur animals caused by defendant's building fires and asking for a restraining order against defendant prohibiting her from building fires.
Gardner Bennett vs City of Salem and others: Defendant city repiles denying certain allegations of complaint.

Joseph Parrish and Louise A. Parrish: Suit to quiet title.
Tidelands Development Co. vs Kenneth N. Hay: Suit to collect \$2,000 in alleged delinquent installments on certain oyster beds owed by defendant.

Philip S. Gulland vs Katherine E. Gulland: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment.

MUNICIPAL COURT
Samuel T. Chandon, Woodburn, no operator's license, posted \$5 bail.
Mac V. Smallwood, route 2, Salem, running red light, posted \$2.50 bail.
Carl Leonard Trull, 346 Laurel ave., reckless driving, fined \$15.
Glen Dale Brandt, route 6, Salem, failure to stop, pleaded innocent, trial set for June 3.
Kenneth Manning, 1380 S. Liberty st., illegal reverse turn, fined \$2.50.
Elton E. Bell, route 2, Salem, violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.
Marvin J. DeLaave, Amity, violation of basic rule, posted \$50 bail.
William W. Pynch, Scio, violation of anti-noise ordinance, posted \$5 bail.
Lowell R. Anderson, 609 Breys ave., violation of basic rule, fined \$10.
John Louis Muller, Jefferson, no operator's license, posted \$5 bail.
William B. Laxton, Portland, violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"My plan to head off a recession will be a boon to mankind, boys—we must not betray our party by revealing it before election next year!"

Petition to Divide School Area Abandoned for Middle Grove

Division of Middle Grove school district was averted Monday when a petition to split the district was withdrawn following a two-hour hearing before the Marion county district boundary board.

Decision to drop the matter came at the end of a meeting of some 40 residents of the district, which recently petitioned that Middle Grove district be divided so that the part lying west of Lancaster drive would remain with Salem district and the section lying east would become a separate district.

Those advancing the petition stated that they favored a rural school district, that the Salem schools were already overcrowded, that 4-H club work was not taught in Salem schools and that the consolidation election was not

sufficiently discussed among the voters.

In opposition to the petition it was stated that junior high school students gained more advantages by attending Salem schools, that the Middle Grove school itself was overcrowded and that the district had voted twice in favor of consolidation.

Emory Goode was spokesman for the petitioners in withdrawing the petition. County Judge Grant Murphy presided. Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superintendent, was secretary.

In outlining the program which the Salem district intended to carry out in all its rural schools, Supt. Frank B. Bennett, revealed that a new junior high school would probably go up in a few years east of Salem.

The boundary board Monday also set July 1 as hearing date of the Jefferson school district petition for formation of a union high school in that area.

Kelso Funeral Here Thursday

Graveside services will be at City View cemetery, Thursday at 11 a. m. for James W. Kelso, 48, 1995 S. Church st., who was drowned at The Dalles as first engineer on a U. S. army engineer dredge. The body was not located until April 28 of this year.

Kelso was born in 1897 at Panama, Mo., where he spent his early life and married Beulah G. Hopkins. Later moving to Salem with his family, he was employed at Oregon Pulp and Paper company until 1943, when he went to work with the army engineers.

He is survived by the widow; a son, Billy G. Kelso, Baker, Ore.; a daughter, Leona E. Houghton, Vallejo, Calif., and by his mother, five brothers, four sisters and two grandchildren. Services are in charge of the Gardner Funeral home, White Salmon, Wash. The Rev. Sam P. Neufeldt will officiate.

WOODBURN GROCERY NAMED
Mike's grocery, Woodburn, is the assumed business name filed with the Marion county clerk by Clemont M. Rivens, Woodburn.

75 Head Judged In Jersey Show; Thomas Quits

(Story also on page 1)
Seventy-five head of cattle were judged at Monday's Jersey club show by Lawrence Thomas, Silverton, who has judged four Marion county spring shows and who announced that this would be his last judging here because he was beginning to know the cattle too well.

Special guests introduced were E. M. McIlvenna, Aubry Morgan and Elmer Dietz of Vancouver, Wash.; Hal Osborne, widely-known rabbit judge; Homer Shelby and Everett Struckermer of Linn-Benton club; John Leinhardt from Clackamas county, and I. W. Slater, Western Jersey fieldman. List of awards for the show follows:

4-H club classes: Junior calf—1, Bill Poole, Senior calf—1, Vernon Vogt; 2, Victor and Ronald Barnick; 2, Betty Jean Vogt; 4, Mildred Louise Bailey; 5, Dorothy Poole, Junior yearling—1, Betty Jean Vogt; 2, Donna Lee Klein; 3, Ronald Barnick, Senior yearling—1, James Berger, Producing cow—1, Robert Margit; 2, Donna Lee Klein; 3, Victor Barnick; 4, Donna Lee Klein.

FFA classes: Junior calf—1, Bob Barnes, Senior calf—1 and 2, John Erickson, Junior yearlings—1, Keith Erickson; 2, Stanley Richer; 3, Melvin Lien; 3, Wayne Hilton, Silverton Senior yearling bulls—1, Riches; 2, Floyd Mills of Jefferson; 4, Elwin Pierce, Aged bull—1, Welsh and Nelson; 2, Stanley Richer, Junior heifer calves—1, Lewis Judson; 2, Stanley Richer; 3, Floyd Bailey; 4, Floyd Bates, Senior heifer calves—1, Rich Lea Farm; 2, Elwin Pierce; 3, Vernon Vogt; 4, Mrs. Floyd Bailey, Junior yearling heifer—1, Floyd Bailey; 2, Mrs. Floyd Bailey; 3, Floyd and Lesta Bates; 4, Floyd Bates.

Woodburn training school; 2, Bob Barnes; 3, Loren Newkirk; 4, Floyd Bailey, Two year old cows—1, Woodburn training school; 2, Bob Margit; 3, Rich Lea Farm; 4, Floyd Bailey, Three year old cow—1, Rich Lea Farm; 2, H. D. Roberts, jr.; 3, Donna Lee Klein, Four year

old cow—1, Welsh and Nelson; 2, Lewis Judson, Aged cows—1, Mrs. Floyd Bailey; 2, Floyd Bailey, Produce of dam—1, Nelson and Welsh; 2, Floyd Bailey; 3, Rich Lea Farm, Get of sire—1, Rich Lea Farm; 2, D. C. Brock, Junior get of sire—1, Floyd Bailey.

Crash Injuries Fatal to Huff Of Portland

Herbert Demont Huff of 1829 Lovejoy ave., Portland, was fatally injured in an auto crash at the Dominic and Woodburn-Mt. Angel road crossing near Mt. Angel at about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon when his car collided with a vehicle driven by John E. Brost of Mt. Angel, investigating state police report. Manager of the Royal Arms apartment in Portland, Huff died in a Portland hospital after the wreck.

Treated in a Portland hospital for head cuts and bruises were Mrs. Huff and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of 2315 SE Grant ave., Portland, who were riding with Huff.

Passengers in Brost's car who were slightly injured were Charles Bailey and Marilyn Hauth, both of Mt. Angel.

Police said Huff was driving south on Woodburn-Mt. Angel road and that Brost was headed west on Dominic road. Both vehicles were overturned.

PURSE THIEF CAUGHT
City juvenile authorities state that a confession of taking several girls' purses at Salem high school has been obtained from a 16-year-old girl now in custody of police.

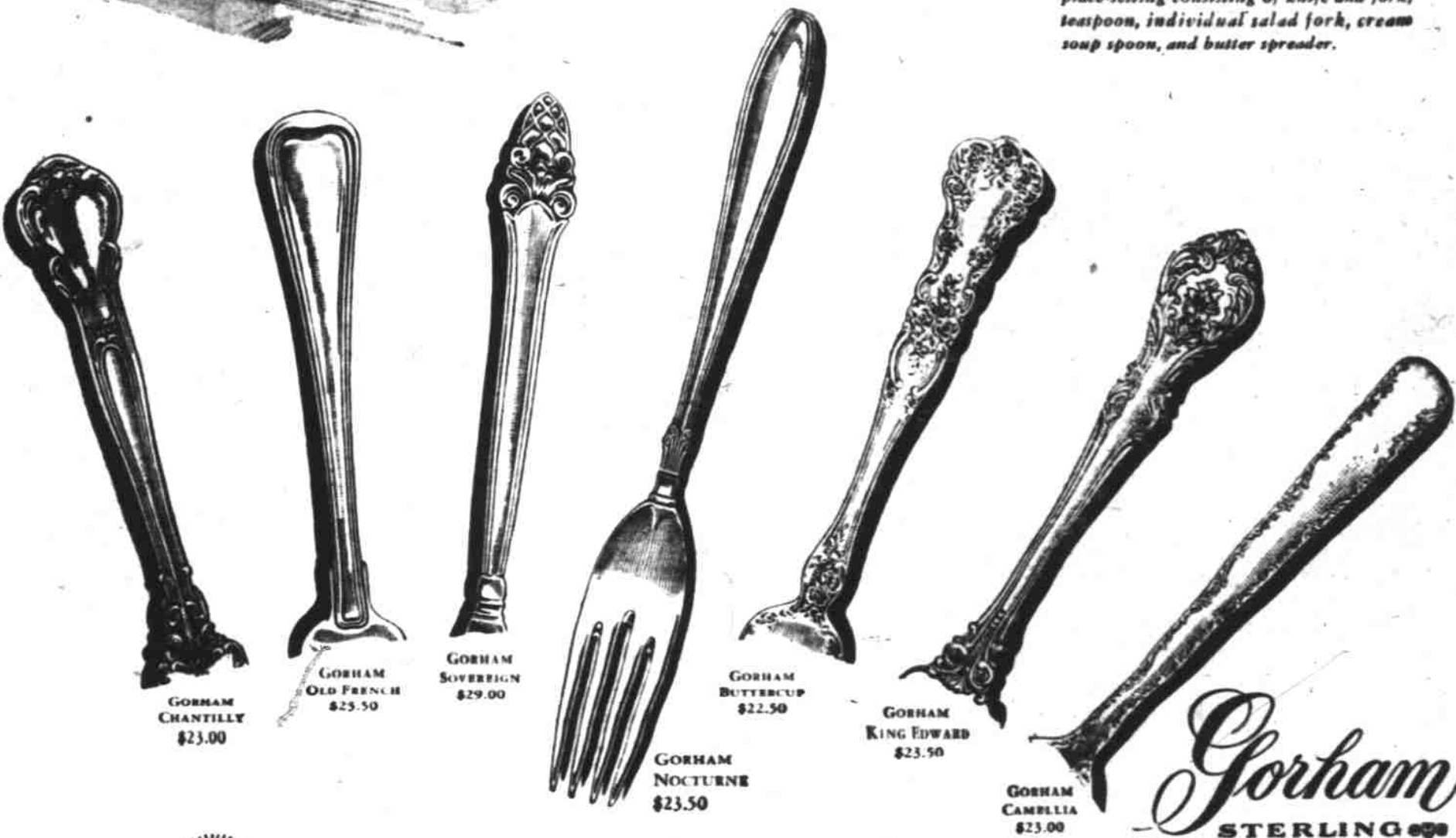
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