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Political Disillusionment

An unique phenomenon of our age is the parade of western intellectuals, nurtured in reverence for individual integrity and free inquiry, who have embraced communism only to recant. The most eloquent spokesmen for this new fraternity include Bertrand Russell in England, Andre Gide in France, Silone in Italy, Koestler in central Europe and Ciliga in the Balkans. Freda Utesky's "Lost Illusion" is one of the latest books in their "distinct genre of writing in contemporary letters—the literature of political disenchantment," as a New York Times book reviewer termed it.

These communist converts of the west had many things in common. They were internationalists; they were citizens of the world inspired by the old dream of a free parliament of free peoples. They were equalitarians to whom freedom of opportunity for all men was a precept. But first of all, they were humanists and wished to establish a moral society. And when they examined our society, they found it wanting. There were—and are—many injustices and these persons were too impatient with the slow corrections in a democracy. So they turned to communism and its bright promises.

Yet they were not idle dreamers or sentimental utopians, the reviewer insists. "They allowed many times over for the errors and crudity of the new social justice. Many things tried their faith without undermining it."

But ultimately the same moral grounds which caused their dissatisfaction with western society "drove them to revulsion against the organized terror of the police state they found masked by socialist slogans." The process of disenchantment was complete when they admitted the unnecessary cruelty with which plans were made and executed, the complete indifference to individual status, the cultural terror intrinsic in the party lines that shaped every discipline.

These intellectual communists did not lose their original ideals. They were disillusioned because they found the Marxist theory they had to defend with distorted dialectic turned out, in practice, to be a bastard ideology, unclaimed by dialectical materialism or by religion but kin to both. And certainly not compatible with the western tradition.

Communism today is a philosophy and a way of life not determined by the tedious processes of reason, but by caprice and expediency. It depends for support, not on empirical evidence that it is desecrating, but on emotional surrender. It is partly "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." It has become, like Hitler's racial myth and Mussolini's national myth, a religious-political hodge-podge. Its adherents are either converted and dedicated or coerced and subjugated.

When Marx invented his materialism to get rid of the opium of the people and the power of ideologies, he failed to reckon the evangelical fervor of the communist movement today. This sort of emotionalism in politics, a dogma that saves true believers from liquidation and makes heretics of critics, is a sorry commentary on the state of mind of a so-called rational and enlightened generation. Communism is dangerous to this country because it solicits a rival and parallel irrationality, the seeds of which are expressed today in excessive nationalism and excessive hatred of opponents.

While it is true that our politics has been influenced by our religious tradition—the Christian concept that man is both a citizen of worldly society and the kingdom of heaven and owes appropriate allegiance to both—it cannot be argued that we make a religion of our political principles. The literature of political disenchantment is a warning of what could happen if we did.

A Toast to the Groom

June used to be the month of brides. Not any more. Either because this is leap year or because they've awakened to the fact that it is customary for grooms to appear at their weddings, the man's magazines are plugging the squirming benedict as never before.

Press-agency on behalf of the would-be wife begins when the infant female is at an early age. By the time she's ready to be put on the block (make her debut) or be sent into the world to rustle her own mate, the maiden has everything planned, including the type of man who would best set off her bridal finery.

On the other hand, the ungarded bachelor never knows what's in store. The young lady, following the strategy explained in detail in every women's magazine, either badgers him or asks his hand in marriage. Being a gentleman, he must acquiesce.

From that moment on, the best the gentleman can expect to do is creep out of an anteroom in time to claim his bride when she makes a royal entrance down the center aisle. His part is strictly a walk-on.

But not any more, if the haberdashers and champions of men's rights have their way. Henceforth, the groom will get the shower gifts and the society page spread. By looking at least as shiny and fastidiously skewered as a Hollywood butler or New York hotel doorman, he'll be the star of the show. The day will come when June magazine covers are decorated with color shots of men looking dewy-eyed and triumphant as they peak over an orchid boutonniere. Advertisements will say, "He's engaged, he's lovely, he uses Zippo shave lotion" or "What every young groom should know—Nunbo banishes underarm odor."

And the bride will be the mousy person (wearing something old and borrowed) who shuffles out of the vestryroom at the front of the church while the regal benedict, in sweeping floor-length cape lined in white satin, prances down the aisle followed by his coterie of blushing groomsmen in their Oxford grey cut-aways, white pique waistcoats, pearl-grey ascots, nylon midnight blue hose, patent leather pumps and grey spats, pearl-grey toppers or hombers, grey or white braces, matching muffers, and white mocha or kid gloves.

In this future comedy of manners, we trust, the standard loophole will remain. To elope, and old pair of pants and a sweater will do nicely.

Calling at the airport one morning last week we met E. J. Griffiths of Portland, just arriving from Japan. Griffiths was state WPA director for several years but is back in the shipping and export-import business. He has made two trips to Japan to investigate trading possibilities and reports that prospects are good for a substantial revival of trade between Japan and the United States. This should be encouraged because it will help the Japanese to become self-supporting, and less of a drain on the United States. They must export to survive; and if we buy from them we can sell them commodities such as cotton. Japan, scourged for its militaristic aggression, should not be condemned to permanent destitution for lack of trade opportunity.

If cancelling the Rose Festival would bring just one flood victim back to life, build even one new home, or better feed and clothe the survivor, we'd be for it. But cancellation would do none of these things, and since the wild river promises to calm down in a few days let the festival go on.

Singer Ginny Simms in asking a divorce says her husband "wanted me to give up my career to be a housewife and I can't do that." Why, of course not, Ginny. The idea of the man even thinking of such a thing! In fact, the very idea of the man even thinking of marrying you in the first place!

Lower House of Oregon's '49 Legislative Session to Contain Near-Record 'Freshman Class'

A record or near-record number of freshman legislators will feature Oregon's 1949 house of representatives, it appeared today. Here's what happened to the 60 members of the 1947 house: 33 were re-nominated in the May primaries; 6 were beaten; 13 did not seek another term; 7 ran for senate seats instead; one is the democratic nominee for U.S. senator (Manley J. Wilson), and one is governor (John H. Hall).

Of the 33 re-nominated, eight are unopposed in November. The five beaten were Harry Schmeltzer of Sherwood, Paul Hendricks of Salem, Art W. Lindberg of Pendleton, Colon R. Eberhard of La Grande and Martin Gallagher of Ontario.

The 13 who did not re-file were Anna Ellis of Garibaldi, Jake Bennett of Portland, Robert Bennett of Portland, John Gantenben of Portland, John M. Bates of Lake Grove, Paul Houston of Oregon City, Harry R. Wiley of Lebanon, Carl C. Hill of Days Creek, Donald Heister of The Dalles, Kenneth McKenzie of Wallowa, R. C. Frisbie of Baker, Burt Snyder of Lakeview and Rose M. Poole of Klamath Falls.

The seven who ran for the senate were Fred Heilberg of Astoria, Robert D. Dumas of Portland, Pat Lonergan of Portland, Joe Wilson of Newport, Marie E. Wilcox of Grants Pass, O. H. Bengtson of Medford and E. Riddell Lage of Hood River. (All won senate nominations except Bengtson).

The complete house lineup for the November vote, by districts, appears as follows, on the basis of complete but still unofficial primary returns:

1st District (1)
R—Regner W. Kullberg.
D—Arthur H. Paquet.
2nd District (1)
R—Fred Herman, former representative.
D—Vilas H. Shepard.
3rd District (1)
R—A. J. Swett.
4th District (2)
R—J. O. Johnson, incumbent; Earl E. Hart (Rep. Harry Schmeltzer was defeated).
D—Robert L. Melquist.

5th District (13)
R—Alex Barry, incumbent; F. H. Dammasch, incumbent; John Dickson, incumbent; Joseph Harvey, incumbent; Stanhope Pier, incumbent; Harvey Wells, incumbent; Rudie Wilhelm, Jr., incumbent; Gus Anderson, former representative; Robert D. Boyd, John D. Logan, Thomas H. Ryan, Harry E. Warren, Mildred D. Sarce, D—E. E. Allen, Daisy Sevans, Phil Brady, all former representatives; Robert W. Cannon, Phillip L. Drer, Ernest Erickson, Edward Foss, Russell L. Holmboe, Michael Loring, James H. Moore, Homer L. Owen, Grace Oliver, Robert R. Robinson.
6th District (Maltinoma) (1)
R—C. Goodall.
D—Howard Morgan.
7th District (3)
R—H. H. Chisler, incumbent; J. S. Greenwood, incumbent; Lloyd R. Crosby.
D—Jesse A. Bell, G. L. Gintner; John R. MacKenzie.

8th District (2)
R—E. H. Bennett, incumbent; Carl R. Francis, incumbent.
D—H. H. Evans.
9th District (1)
D—Frank Jacobson.
10th District (1)
R—Lyle D. Thomsen, incumbent.
D—Earle Johnson, incumbent.
11th District (1)
R—W. W. Chadwick, incumbent; Frank Doerfler, incumbent; Douglas Yeater, incumbent; John Steelhammer, former representative. (Rep. Paul Hendricks was defeated).
D—Arthur D. Dyer, Charles W. Fanta, Raymond R. Knight, Mrs. Bruce Spaulding.

12th District (2)
R—M. M. Landon, incumbent; Warren Gill.
D—Earl G. Mason, A. C. Heyman.
13th District (3)
R—Herman P. Hendershoot, incumbent; Earl R. Hill, incumbent; John R. Slatism, incumbent.
D—Keith W. Bacon, Blane N. Fisher; Dale Morgan Harlan.
14th District (2)
R—Robert C. Gile, incumbent; Paul R. Geddes.
D—James M. McGinty; Mrs. Christina Micell.

15th District (1)
R—Ralph T. Moore, incumbent.
D—Marvin Berge.
16th District (2)
R—M. C. Landon, incumbent; Warren Gill.
D—Earl G. Mason, A. C. Heyman.

17th District (3)
R—Herman P. Hendershoot, incumbent; Earl R. Hill, incumbent; John R. Slatism, incumbent.
D—Keith W. Bacon, Blane N. Fisher; Dale Morgan Harlan.

18th District (2)
R—Robert C. Gile, incumbent; Paul R. Geddes.
D—James M. McGinty; Mrs. Christina Micell.

19th District (1)
R—Ralph T. Moore, incumbent.
D—Marvin Berge.

20th District (2)
R—M. C. Landon, incumbent; Warren Gill.
D—Earl G. Mason, A. C. Heyman.

21st District (3)
R—Herman P. Hendershoot, incumbent; Earl R. Hill, incumbent; John R. Slatism, incumbent.
D—Keith W. Bacon, Blane N. Fisher; Dale Morgan Harlan.

22nd District (2)
R—Robert C. Gile, incumbent; Paul R. Geddes.
D—James M. McGinty; Mrs. Christina Micell.

23rd District (1)
R—Ralph T. Moore, incumbent.
D—Marvin Berge.

24th District (2)
R—M. C. Landon, incumbent; Warren Gill.
D—Earl G. Mason, A. C. Heyman.

25th District (3)
R—Herman P. Hendershoot, incumbent; Earl R. Hill, incumbent; John R. Slatism, incumbent.
D—Keith W. Bacon, Blane N. Fisher; Dale Morgan Harlan.

26th District (2)
R—Robert C. Gile, incumbent; Paul R. Geddes.
D—James M. McGinty; Mrs. Christina Micell.

27th District (1)
R—Ralph T. Moore, incumbent.
D—Marvin Berge.

28th District (2)
R—M. C. Landon, incumbent; Warren Gill.
D—Earl G. Mason, A. C. Heyman.

29th District (3)
R—Herman P. Hendershoot, incumbent; Earl R. Hill, incumbent; John R. Slatism, incumbent.
D—Keith W. Bacon, Blane N. Fisher; Dale Morgan Harlan.

30th District (2)
R—Robert C. Gile, incumbent; Paul R. Geddes.
D—James M. McGinty; Mrs. Christina Micell.

31st District (1)
R—Ralph T. Moore, incumbent.
D—Marvin Berge.

32nd District (2)
R—M. C. Landon, incumbent; Warren Gill.
D—Earl G. Mason, A. C. Heyman.

33rd District (3)
R—Herman P. Hendershoot, incumbent; Earl R. Hill, incumbent; John R. Slatism, incumbent.
D—Keith W. Bacon, Blane N. Fisher; Dale Morgan Harlan.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Rufus solved his leisure problem since he retired—he spends most of his time sitting around and cursing the government!"

Legislature May Be Asked to Double State Emergency Fund

Doubling of both the state emergency fund and the state restoration fund, to meet increased governmental needs and to insure state properties more adequately, probably will be one of the proposals placed before the 1949 legislature, high state officials indicated Saturday.

They called attention to the Vanport flood disaster as emphasizing the need for larger appropriations for emergency needs.

The emergency fund, now \$500,000 per biennium, is utilized to provide money for state departments and institutions which have exhausted their legislative appropriations. The restoration fund, a maximum of \$100,000 per year raised by assessment against state activities, is employed in lieu of commercial insurance coverage for state properties.

The emergency fund up to a few years ago was only \$100,000 per biennium but was increased to cope with governmental demands. Vandenberg is favored not only because of his prominent position in national councils but because he has not given political offense to other major contenders. There are impediments in his case which should not be overlooked. He is 64 years of age, rather old for taking on the responsibilities of the presidency. He has been a distinguished leader in the field of foreign affairs and his votes on domestic issues have been quite sensible. But it is doubtful if he has the taste or capacity for executive duties.

The federal establishment needs a thorough overhaul. Either Dewey or Stassen or Taft would be a better prospect for an administrator than Vandenberg. And republicans ought to look for a man who can serve for eight years rather than a one-termer. Dewey is in the strongest position of the candidates. Stassen will not be nominated; neither will Taft. Dewey may not win on an early ballot, but if he can hold enough votes on the later ballots to defeat a thrust for the Michigan senator he may catch enough votes on the rebound to win the nomination he covets. Don't start for the dark horse corral yet.

There now remains in the emergency fund only slightly more than \$250,000, due to a recent appropriation of about \$275,000 to temporarily increase the compensation of state employees during the period June 1 to December 31. The next legislature, meeting in January, will be requested to continue this salary as well as provide additional money to cope with rising living costs.

The state restoration fund contains approximately \$198,000, raised through assessments on state activities with some interest and special levies against cooperative flax industries. Not more than \$100,000 can be raised in any year. Officials said there has been a net reduction in the restoration fund of \$179,000 during the past biennium. Most of this reduction was due to fires involving state properties. Most disastrous fires occurred at the state educational centers and to state highway department equipment. State property, on which the restoration fund assessments are based, was valued at \$52,892,000 on July 1, 1947, but will be increased materially within the next year because of the state building construction program now in progress.

Officials pointed out that a serious fire in any of the state capital buildings, mostly located in Salem, would wipe out the restoration fund and make it necessary to appeal to the state emergency board. Under state law the state emergency board could not appropriate in excess of the amount in its fund.

Increasing of the restoration fund has received approval of all three members of the state board of control. State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott said the fund should be doubled.

Officials said ample money would be available to double both the restoration fund and state emergency fund in event the surplus state income tax revenues and corporate excise taxes, now estimated in excess of \$35,000,000, are transferred to the state's general fund for governmental expenses.

Circuit Judge George R. Duncan, Marion county, recently held the surplus funds were transferred.

State Department to Overhaul 'Voice' Broadcast Techniques

By Edward E. Bomar

WASHINGTON, June 5—(AP)—Because the "Know North America" broadcasts made congress so mad, the state department is getting ready to revise and tighten its whole system of farming out overseas programs to commercial networks.

Officials said today that new "Voice of America" contracts with the National Broadcasting company and the Columbia Broadcasting system will provide:

1. The state department itself will write and control, through an expanded staff, all official news and commentary beamed to foreign listeners.

2. Entertainment and special features such as the travelogue series in Spanish for Latin America which backfired in congress, will be contracted for individually. They will be tailored to official specifications and carefully reviewed, much as a radio sponsor goes over a domestic commercial program in advance.

Assistant Secretary George V. Allen said the purpose is to nail down any chance of another incident such as the episode which resulted in this week's senate and house inquiries.

"We're giving top priority to means of assuring adequate controls and a high standard of quality for all programs," Allen told a reporter.

NBC and CBS are being paid about \$700,000 each for broadcasting some 70 per cent of the programs to other lands, over the 10 months ending June 30. Active negotiations for new contracts, which may scale down their present role substantially, are expected to open the way for other networks to bid on some of the special features.

A telegram to the president said maritime workers do not want to strike but will insist "their just demands be met."

1,800 Complete Driving Course

Approximately 1,800 Oregon high school students completed courses in driver education and training during the school year just ended, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby announced Saturday. Forty Oregon high schools offered the courses, one semester in length and including behind-the-wheel training to supplement classroom instruction.

CIO Sailors Condemn Naming of Fact-Finders

NEW YORK, June 5—(AP)—Four CIO Maritime unions, threatening a strike after June 15, Friday condemned President Truman for creation of a fact-finding board to investigate the maritime dispute.

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