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"We of the New Party . . ."

That is a recurrent phrase in the speeches of Henry A. Wallace. His party convention adopted the previously ill-starred name "Progressive" but Wallace's most frequent reference is to the New party. The intent is to eschew all the evils of the old parties, start out with a new political grouping, a new platform, a new political orientation.

Such an adventure always attracts a following. Americans, particularly young Americans, like to think they are pioneering. Wallace himself has a Messiah complex and is completely absorbed in his role as leader of a New party. He enveloped himself in the mantle of Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and thus garbed stood out at Philadelphia as the people's champion.

What has emerged is another Popular Front in which the communists are active participants. Intelligent and honest reporters of the scene at Philadelphia identified many of the leaders as active communists or fellow travelers. The prime plank of the platform—Peace—is to be purchased at the price of continued concession to Russia! The guilt of the postwar crisis rests most heavily on the American (and Truman) side and should be resolved by abandonment of Berlin. We should destroy our atomic weapons as Russia demands; and should negotiate a peaceful settlement of other issues. The Progressive front is weighted so heavily with communist tactics that one wonders if the objective is not so much peace as service to the USSR.

The slogan "Wallace or War" is quite artificial, that is, an artifice to attract votes. It implies that without Wallace war is inevitable, which lacks foundation. Neither Dewey nor Truman wants war; each will do his utmost to avoid it. But neither is ready to buy peace at the price of the enslavement of western Europe to the totalitarian regime of Moscow. Wallace apparently is.

The denunciation of the Marshall plan in the progressive platform reveals the communist bias of the platform writers. That plan is the greatest example of national generosity in the history of the world. Its purpose is the rehabilitation of a continent. Its benefits originally were open to the satellite states of Russia. The only voice raised against it abroad was that of the USSR. The protest at Philadelphia is just an echo of Moscow's opposition.

It is difficult to see where there is a place in our politics for the Progressive party. The democratic party at Philadelphia broke the grip of the southern reactionaries and should attract most of the liberals who are not of the red coloration. So long as the New party shows it is fully pervaded with alien influence it will not attract a following to become a major American party. Wallace is now so much a prisoner of his ambitions and of his illusions that he will not be able to rid himself or his party of its communist infiltration.

Town Meeting

One might presume that after hearing four "authorities" discuss the subject of how the United Nations should progressively establish international law, one would know more about that important question. That was the topic considered by America's Town Meeting in Eugene Monday (rebroadcast last night) but few constructive suggestions came out of the debate.

Instead the speakers—four intelligent, well-intentioned individuals who supposedly have the welfare of humanity at heart—spent most of their time advocating their own particular means of achieving what they mutually agreed was a common end: peace through international law or world government. Like the U. S. and Russia, they never achieved a meeting of the minds as to means.

Clarence Streit believes the democratic nations of the world must unite under a federal system and then admit other nations who can qualify.

Alan Cranston thinks setting up standards of democracy would mean exclusion of most everyone, including the state of Mississippi, so he promotes a federal union of all nations regardless of political philosophy.

Stephen Fry, British newspaperman, said of the United Nations that it is: "a fraud and a farce—a convenient tool of power politics," and of humanity: "maybe next time God will try rabbits," and little else that was constructive.

Judge Reva Beck Bosone of Utah took the matter more seriously and made down-to-earth, unsensational suggestions. She holds that the United Nations is a beginning in the right direction; that it should be given a chance to succeed; that progress toward peaceful international relations must be evolutionary. She put in a good word for the international court of justice and suggested the peace-loving nations work with the instruments already established to make international law (already set up) effective, rather than junk U.N. in favor of some untried panacea.

Actually, however, it is not so important that the speakers themselves were somewhat disappointing. What is important is that such discussions stimulate a more enlightened public opinion. The rapt attention given the speakers by thousands of Eugene students and townspeople packed into the University of Oregon's huge McArthur court was impressive in itself, and the intelligent questions volunteered by the audience showed a gratifying grasp of world problems.

George V. Denny and his Town Meeting and its Oregon sponsors, the young Eugene Council on World Affairs, are doing a great public service by bringing before the people a variety of conflicting opinions and ideas. These groups, these programs are tools to stimulate informed thinking on matters of public consequence and as such they have a real influence on the course of human affairs.—M.W.

Firing a Critic

The public welfare commission has fired a clerk-stenographer with a sideline in writing because she wrote some things the commission didn't like. The employee discharged, Mrs. Julia Eaton of Portland, has been writing pieces for the People's World, a radical sheet published in San Francisco. In a piece about the relief work following the flood she wrote that the Multnomah commission "seized upon the disaster as an excuse to save money," and withheld cash grants to recipients because the Red Cross was footing the grocery bills.

If that is the extent of her offense the welfare commission would seem to have borrowed trouble for itself. The woman is appealing to the civil service commission and while the law protecting tenure is rather weak she can make out a case, asserting that freedom of opinion is denied her. As long as she isn't a revolutionist or member of a revolutionary organization she has a claim to that freedom even if its exercise is irritating to the officials of the commission.

Dr. Clarence W. Keene was one of the pillars at Silverton, highly regarded for his professional ability and for his loyalty to the community and its civic enterprises. A native of the county, he supplemented his medical education in this state with postgraduate courses at Harvard and abroad, and then came back to his own county to follow his profession. At 73 his career is closed, but his name will long be cherished by those he served professionally and by all who knew him as a man.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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is to encourage diversion of labor and materials to construction of low-cost housing. Its enactment does seem justified on that score. However its provision of very easy credit guarantees and its stimulus to construction may push up prices to further fantastic levels and thus be self-defeating.

The eight-point program for applying brakes to inflation merits the careful consideration of congress. It may be doubted though if inflation has not gone beyond the point where exercise of the authority requested would do the job unless controls were slapped on so rigidly as to damage the economic mechanism. It seems quite late to reimpose rationing on foodstuffs for example, but it may be wise, even necessary, to provide some form of government allocation for scarce and essential commodities such as steel.

The recommended restoration of the excess profits tax would dry up a source of funds for plant expansion through which comes an increase of production to satisfy demand. As far as credit expansion goes banks have been lending on a conservative basis for many months. Recently New York banks were required to increase their reserves. Consumer credit, measured in relation to national income, is still well below prewar peaks. Of course if we want to start a recession we can do it by restricting credit. The farm bloc, it is recalled, blamed credit contraction ordered by the federal reserve bank in 1920 as the cause of the ensuing farm depression.

Not mentioned in the president's message is any control of wages, or any termination of government price supports for farm products. Yet high wages and high food costs exert buoyant pressures on the price structure. He did urge more government spending which is definitely inflationary.

The 80th congress, controlled by republicans, is under public scrutiny. If it plays politics too well essential matters it exposes itself to public criticism. If it pitches in and tries to legislate in the public interest it will merit public commendation. It ought to consider carefully what the president proposes, pass bills that promise good or work out others which it thinks will work better. If it concentrates on doing its job well it need have no fears about the results in November.

Keene Funeral 2 p.m. Today

SILVERTON, July 27 — While Silverton business houses will not officially close Wednesday at the funeral hour of Dr. C. W. Keene at the Ekman Memorial chapel at 2 p.m., many offices and store managers have announced their intentions of closing from 2 to 3 p.m.

The Rev. George Swift of the Episcopal church, Salem, will deliver the eulogy. Mrs. William McDonald, Portland, violinist, will play and asked to serve as pall bearers are Earl J. Adams, H. W. Preston, C. B. Anderson, Dr. A. W. Simmons, William H. Woodard and F. Glenn McDonald.

Dr. Keene, who had practiced in Silverton since 1911, died at his home here Sunday night.

FESCUE HARVEST BEGUN

Grass seed harvest is now under way in the Willamette valley, and the outlook for yields of various types of grasses appears to be favorable at this time. The chewings fescue market will be considerably improved over last year's market because of the poor crop of Kentucky bluegrass which has just been harvested in the United States. Some reports from that growing area say that a total production will be only around 45 per cent of normal. Since chewings fescue and Kentucky bluegrass are both used for lawns, when there is a poor crop of bluegrass the demand for chewings fescue is greatly increased.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I don't care if the network did give up their time . . . no politician who beats me out of an episode of my favorite serial, gets my vote . . ."

Death March Japs to Be Hanged



YOKOHAMA, July 27 — Maj. Gen. Yoshitaka Kawane (left), and Col. Karatate Hirano (right), have been sentenced to hang for responsibility in the 1942 Bataan death march. Both were convicted in Yokohama by a U. S. eighth army tribunal. About 10,000 U. S. and Filipino soldiers died in the Bataan march and 25,000 Filipinos died later at Camp O'Donnel. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

School Staff Near Completion; Salem Board to Call for Bids

The teaching staff of Salem school district is within three appointments of completion for the coming school year, Superintendent Frank B. Bennett reported to the district school board Tuesday night in the public school administration building.

Directors ordered bids called for a new oil heating plant at Garfield school and for the district's 1948-49 supply of fuel oil, gasoline and lubricants. The supply will include 20,000 gallons of gas, 6,200 barrels of oil, 4,500 gallons of stove oil.

The board approved a proposal to join other property owners along McGilchrist street near McKinley school in petitioning the city for paving the street between High and Commercial streets at property owners' expense.

Donald Young took over as chairman of the board last night in its first meeting of the fiscal year. He succeeds Roy Harland who recently retired from the board and was replaced by Gardner Knapp. Young announced as new committee chairmen Harry Scott, transportation; Mrs. David Wright, health, summer recreation and buildings and grounds; Knapp, supplies; Edward Majek, finance and insurance; Young, employment.

The three teaching positions yet to be filled are a lip reading instructor on the special education staff and a music teacher and girls' physical education teacher, both at Leslie junior high school. Resignations were accepted from Betty Mansfield of Salem High school, Betty Richardson of the special education staff, Dagney Christensen of Leslie, Nita Sweat of Highland and Audri Asland of Richmond.

Board members decided to discontinue this year the automobile driving instruction program for high school sophomores. The superintendent explained that last year's part-time program reached only about one-fourth of the sophomores and that this year's staff will not have leeway enough for part-time teaching by instructors with other regular duties. Bennett said the full state-recommended course for all 15-year-olds would require two full-time employees and expenditure of at least \$7,500.

Chin-Uppers Have Sale

Chin-up club of Oregon is holding a sale of doughnuts, pies, candy and gum at the Statyon Bean festival this week.

PEACE PANEL APPROVED

LAKE SUCCESS, July 27 — (AP) The United Nations little assembly unanimously has approved a proposal for a panel for peaceful settlements of disputes. The recommendation will go to full assembly meeting in Paris Sept. 21.

Bat-Struck Youth Improves at Home

Mac Baker spent his 12th birthday in bed Tuesday recovering from a swat on the head with a baseball bat. Mac, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. D. Baker, Salem route 8, was caught in the middle of a youth scuffling aboard a truck Monday night following a softball game.

He got off the truck at State and Commercial streets to catch a bus for his home. He was found unconscious at the bus stop and was in a semi-conscious condition when taken home. His mother reported Tuesday night that he was much improved.

The Safety Valve

Parking Meters and Parking Problems

To the Editor:

I do not know if you intended the heading "Parking Meters Collect Money but Fail to Solve City Problems" as sarcasm or not, but if you didn't, it was certainly inappropriate. My experience with cities long ago convinced me that parking meters never did nor ever will solve "City Problems" in parking. I'm also convinced that if the truth were known, the proponents of meters, though claiming such miracles, only propose them to help fill the cities' coffers. One million dollars were collected by these municipal "one arm bandits," but how many of these two dozen Oregon municipalities spent one cent to actually relieve the parking situation which the meters were installed to rectify? I'd be willing to bet that none of them did. But if a reasonable percentage of those enormous receipts were devoted to the relief of the parking problem, to widening streets, construction of parking places in strategic locations, we would be doing something really intelligent about the problem. Look at the public buildings in Salem, the principal causes of our future parking problem. All of them are being gathered to the north of the capitol. Is there any provision being made for the hundreds of cars to be added to the already sprawling lines of parked vehicles surrounding the state buildings? The employees fill all vacant space leaving the occasional visitor a spot four or five blocks away.

The merchants moving out to the suburban centers are solving their own problems by the purchase or lease of parking space. Until downtown merchants do likewise, the state does the same for their buildings, the situation will continue to go from bad to worse. Perhaps, too, if the city, county and state authorities begin to work with the chamber of commerce in following some of the long range planning commission which spent so little money (not from the parking meters) but developed such excellent suggestions, the situation will eventually right itself. If we don't, Salem will soon be as bad as Eugene with its narrow streets and concentrated business area. That we should never allow to happen.

Very truly yours,
R. Vance MacDowell
276 No. 14th St.

Sprague Seeks New Hearing on Surplus Funds

A rehearing petition in the suit of Charles A. Sprague to restrain transfer of state income tax and corporate excise tax surpluses to the general fund was filed in the state supreme court Tuesday.

The supreme court, in a recent 4 to 3 opinion, held that these surplus funds are part of the general fund. No indication was given by court members as to when they would consider the petition. The supreme court upheld the decision of Circuit Judge George R. Duncan of Marion county.

The request sets out that "the majority opinion of the supreme court holding the surplus funds transferable applies a new interpretation of the general tax levy statute which has been in effect for more than 40 years and excludes the specific 1947 special tax statute."

It also nullifies the special provisions continuing the tax base and casts serious doubt on the validity of school district tax levies with reference to a similar provision, the petition continued.

The petition also said the court's opinion was based on an assumption without warrant in the record, of legislative ignorance of the effect of legislative acts and defeats admitted purposes of the property tax relief legislation.

Sprague contended that the surplus funds were earmarked for property tax offset and could not be used for any other purpose.

Reports here indicated that in event the rehearing is granted a number of outstanding Oregon attorneys will intervene on the side of the three justices who dissented.

U.O. to Secure Radiation Lab For Research

PORTLAND, July 27 — (AP) The University of Oregon medical school will have a "hot laboratory" for experimentation with radioactive materials.

The board of higher education approved construction of the laboratory at its meeting today. The atomic energy commission had selected the university for research into the medical aspects of radiation, and federal grants for operation and construction have been received.

The laboratory will be built behind the medical science building at the medical school in Portland. It will cost about \$27,000, including \$12,000 of state funds.

The board re-elected all officers. These are Edgar W. Smith, Portland, president; Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, Silverton, vice president, and Leif Finseth, Dallas, a member of the executive committee.

Other actions included: Adopted a budget pattern which calls for operation of institutions basically with the current enrollment, with some expansion in research and service divisions.

Decided to submit with the operating budget a request for emergency building needs totalling \$12,000,000, certain deficiency appropriations and salary adjustments.

Approved six construction plans, the major one of which was the million and a half dollar Erb memorial union building at Eugene.

Accepted more than \$77,000 in gifts to the schools.

Took steps to acquire emergency housing units on several campuses under terms of the federal McGregor act.

U. S. Charged as Trying to Spread Economic System

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 27 — (AP) Vice Premier Edvard Kardelj Monday charged the United States with attempting to spread its economic system over the world.

At the same time he told the congress of the Yugoslav communist party that Yugoslavia wants "economic cooperation with all countries on the grounds of equality and respect for mutual obligations."

The statement followed an interview with Premier Marshall Tito yesterday by Culbert L. Olsen, former governor of California, who said Tito told him Yugoslavia is ready and willing to trade with the United States on conditions that no political ties are attached.

Kardelj further charged the United States with spreading and fortifying its economic system all over the world by intensifying measures against communist parties and choking the democratic rights of sovereign peoples.

America's literary history began in 1608 with John Smith's "True Relation of Virginia."

Trolley Balker Pleads Guilty

Paul B. Cunningham, 27, of Portland, is slated for sentencing today in Marion county district court after pleading guilty Tuesday to a charge of cashing a check with insufficient funds.

Cunningham was recognized

here as the man who passed three bad checks in Salem, from newspaper pictures on the account of his battle with a Portland street car. Cunningham and a street car held up busy downtown Portland traffic for 20 minutes when each refused to retreat from a parking space. He is held in lieu of \$300 bail in Marion county jail.

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