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Stripping Citizenship From Communists

One of the recommendations of President Eisenhower (which was heartily applauded at the joint session of House and Senate) was that when persons are convicted of hereafter conspiring to advocate the violent overthrow of this government they should lose their citizenship. He did not amplify the statement and explain just what he meant by depriving persons of their citizenship. Now when a person commits a felony he forfeits certain of his rights as a citizen, such as the right to vote. That, however, may be restored under certain conditions; and in the meantime he still remains a citizen.

Stripping a person of his American citizenship might be stretched to include denial of a right to vote, to hold office, to own property, to sue or be sued in court, to enter into contracts, to be married. All would depend on how severe the law was in its deprivation of rights, or how restrictive existing legislation is on rights of aliens.

But just what good would such a procedure be? Would it make the Communist any more loyal to the United States? Would it add anything to the internal or external security of the United States? While fear of loss of citizenship might prevent some from joining the Communist conspiracy the loss of citizenship would make a person even more desperate as an enemy of the state—he would have little left to lose.

The interjection in the President's message sounds very much like a "stop Cerberus," a concession to the professional anti-Communists who like to have raw red meat. Hence the applause. We shall wait to see how this proposal is spelled out in a legislative bill; and predict that after taking a good look at the suggestion it will be put on the shelf. Why, Congress has never gotten round to outlawing the Communist Party as a political organization, which would seem to be a fitting preliminary to de-nationalizing a citizen and really making him a man without a country.

And wouldn't some provision have to be made for restoring citizenship to renegades from Communism?

John L. Lewis doesn't like Eisenhower's recommendations for changes in the T-H law. "A few piddling amendments," says John, "won't make a slave law palatable to free-born citizens." John trots out the old fiction of "slave labor;" but unions have kept on growing under Taft-Hartley and still exercise full rights of collective bargaining. Actually T-H did little to break abuses of the monopoly power often exercised by unions.

Wasco County, which celebrates its centennial this spring, can boast of being the "mother of states." When created it embraced the territory between the summit of the Cascades and the Rocky Mts. and between the 42nd and 46th parallels of latitude. Out of this territory many counties of Eastern Oregon were created, with land left over to help fill out Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.

Most of the 18-year-olds would yield their claim to vote if they also could postpone fighting until they were 21.

"B" as in Beria, Bergholtz

In Russia all textbooks, histories and encyclopedias should be on the loose-leaf system. That way it is easier to keep them up to date. When a prominent official is dropped down the chute then all that would be necessary is to open the binder, take out the pages extolling his virtues, and either close the book or insert new material. They are doing this now to the Soviet Encyclopedia, only it isn't loose-leaf.

Order of the day is to tear out pages 21-24 of Volume five whose subject matter dealt with one Beria, Lavrenty Pavlovich. Through the years the Cyclopaedia duly noted his rise in power and prestige in the USSR from a functionary of the new regime in Georgia to head of the secret police; and if there was a fresh edition since Stalin's death, to the post of deputy premier. Since he was wiped out by a firing squad on orders of Premier Malenkov and the Supreme Soviet, that glowing story of his life must be erased from the books too. So take a knife and snip out the pages.

To fill the gap the publishers are substituting the biography of one Bergholtz, Friedrich Wilhelm, Russian historian; and a picture of Bering sea in place of the picture of the alphabetical sequence preserved; but how much easier it would have been to do it with a loose-leaf binder.

There seems to be no sure way one can keep his name and face in Soviet history. When the Communists purge a man, they purge his very name; but what a funny way to record history.

One of the country's smaller but fast-growing airlines is the Braniff International Airways, serving primarily the Southwest and Mexico. Built up by Tom Braniff, it is one of the ironies of fate that he should lose his life in the crash of a private amphibious plane which fell as it was returning a party from a hunting trip near Shreveport, La.

Editorial Comment

GERMANS CAN'T BE KEPT DOWN

West Germany is now leading all of Western Europe in industrial progress. Her industrial output rose between 6 and 7 per cent in the first half of 1953, and the Organization for European Economic Co-operation forecasts a similar rise for 1954. West Germany is working hard, living austerely, beating her competitors to export markets, and holding fat surpluses of gold and dollar earnings.

This is a bright picture for West Germany; what lesson does it hold for the world? To us, it seems a clear demonstration that Germany must be considered the key to the future of Europe, not just West Europe, but all Europe. The military technology that Hitler called upon is no farther away than the drawing boards of the Ruhr factories which now turn out trade goods. The same chimneys will again cast their pall over the world if it aimlessly fails to absorb the German energy in peaceable ways.

For a full century, France has lived in fear of this furious, driving economic force, and that is exactly France's mood today, producing a paralysis in Paris. With everything to lose from a Germany that is unintegrated into the European structure, France still blocks the avenues of economic and political-military co-operation that have been devised to assure reasonable control and direction of the German energy.

West Germany's expansion presents a most forbidding challenge to Russia, too. The economic growth in the Western half is not being matched in the sullen, subjugated, Sovietized Eastern half, and it takes no genius to sense the pressure building up there to an explosion on the reunification question. Russia's refusal of co-operation in a peace-insuring settlement of the German problem is therefore particularly short-sighted.

For there can be little doubt that if the young German of the new postwar generation is led to feel what his father was led to feel under Hitler—that he is being physically and psychologically encircled and isolated—he can again become a formidable threat to the world's peace. We do not doubt the sincerity of Chancellor Adenauer and other Germans who say they're in no mood for another war, but today's older Germans cannot write a pledge that the aggressive instinct will not revive in the future.

—(San Francisco Chronicle)

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Hmmm... a most unusual case of 'snow blindness,' Mrs. Sneedby! you'll have to stop rushing around to these January 'white sales'..."

Inside TV ...

Kids Prefer Guns to Fairy Godmothers

By EVE STARR

NEW YORK—TELETRIAL: We've been keeping an eye on the dimpled moppets of various families, trying to discover what kind of television entertainment strikes their puerile fancy—and why.

After several weeks of critical sleuthing—purely in the interests of science, mind you—we report our findings to you. But not without having acquired a case of jitters and a frenzied fear of what is going to happen to this world of ours, after these dear little offspring of five to nine inherit it.

Do they like that program in which the dear old lady reads cute little stories of fluffy bunnies and mischievous squirrels? Do they like the playful puppets? Or the clown who tweeks children's noses?

"Junk!" they yell, and flip the dial to a program of cowboys and Indians, gory with violent death and horrible gang fights. And if the cowboy carries too long in meaningless conversation with a good solid tiller of the soil, or with a girl, the wee selector whirrs to a meaty mystery or detective film. Heavy plots or adult pedantry deter them not so long as mayhem and murder hold sway.

It's the truth, so help me. And the industry, which with laudable good intentions promotes "singing ladies" and fairy godmothers, is either not cognizant of children's real likes or dislikes, or doesn't wish to be reminded that children are the primitive little darlings they've always been. Remember the Nickelodeon? — "The Perils of Pauline," "The Exploits of Elaine," "The Clutching Hand," etc.? — GOOD, WERENT THEY!

CRITIC'S CORNER: Along about now we're just going to have to lower the boom. Something is very, very wrong somewhere when a successful TV show can't be built around a voice and personality as marvelous as Ezio Pinza's.

"Bonino" has folded, in spite of the warm theme of a concert singer father of eight or nine assorted kids in a happy, wholesome family setting. Singing and hearty management of his brood shared time about equally, and separately they were good. Combined they made an awkward fit. That's probably why the show is now six feet under and it is lamentable that someone, from writers to director and producer, couldn't feel the weak spots early enough to correct them and save what almost was, and could have been, a highly successful show.

Already we hear the response: Those to blame will come right back with—alright, what would YOU have done! Well, we don't know all the answers. But we do know one. First, either that the family should have been elevated to a higher social plane more compatible to a concert singer's generally accepted mode of living, or Ezio should have been cast as a singer a few notches lower, as a lowly cafe singer or even a day-laborer with a voice, which he used just for the fun of it. Second, whatever the alteration, vocals and human interest story should have been fit together in smaller, smoother pieces. There was nothing wrong with Pinza and his cast, and we hope fervently to see him back unchanged, but with a new show worthy of his talents.

JOKESMITHS: Brooklyn's Sam Levenson telegas about "The suspicious wife who called the Fidelity Insurance Company and demanded a policy insuring her husband's fidelity." . . . George S. Kaufman, acid-tongued panelist on "This Is Show Business," remembers a Republican who was so reactionary, he referred to Wendell Wilkie as a Red!

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Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

Jan. 13, 1944

State Police Officer Karl Murphy shot in the hip and knee by two sailor-uniformed youths whom he had arrested for car stealing.

Congress received from President Roosevelt a \$89,769,000, 000 budget for the 1945 fiscal year.

For its outstanding record in producing large quantities of lumber for war purposes, Silver Falls Timber Company became the fourth Oregon firm to receive the coveted army-navy "E" production award.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 13, 1929

Sen. A. W. Norblad of Clatsop County was elected president of the senate and Rep. R. S. Hamilton of Bend was elected speaker of the house at the current legislature.

San Francisco's \$41,000,000 bond issue, authorized to purchase the properties and distributing system of the Spring Valley Water Company, went begging—not a single bidder.

Discussion is underway in regard to selling the present

statehouse grounds for business purposes. Bush's pasture is talked of as a new site.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 13, 1914

Deposits in the 19 national, state and private banks of Portland gained \$874,107.68 last year.

The decision of the majority members of the house rules committee against the creation of a standing committee on women suffrage landed like a bomb shell in the ranks of the national suffrage leaders at Washington, D. C.

The Rev. Carl H. Elliott, pastor-elect of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, arrived with wife and two sons. They have taken a house on North Summer Street. The Rev. Mr. Elliott comes from Toledo.

TWO CARS COLLIDE

Cars driven by Douglas C. White, 693 Wayne Dr., and Carolyn A. Duncan, Los Angeles, collided at North Liberty and Marion streets about 1:20 Tuesday afternoon. City police said the front end of the Duncan was smashed and the right side of the other car damaged. No one was reported injured.

Mrs. Hunt Succumbs at Broadacres

Statesman News Service

WOODBURN — Mrs. Mabel I. Hunt succumbed Tuesday at her home near Broadacres after a long illness.

Mrs. Hunt was born in Aurora in 1885, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kraus. She had resided in her present home since 1911, when she married Henry Hunt, who survives.

The deceased was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church and the St. Agnes Altar Society of Hubbard.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Justine Hasing, Aurora Route 1, and Mrs. Elizabeth Sonnen, Broadacres; sister, Mrs. Hannah Hunt, Hubbard, and seven grandchildren.

Rosary recitation will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at St. Luke's Catholic Church, Woodburn, while funeral services are set for 9:30 a.m. Friday at the same church. Interment will be in the church cemetery under the direction of the Ringo-Cornwell Chapel.

Emergency Board to Meet Here Jan. 22

The state emergency board has been called to meet here Jan. 22 when several emergency requests will be discussed.

Reports here indicated that a group of union leaders may appear before the board and ask for funds to increase the salaries of State Penitentiary guards \$50 a month. The Board of Control, at a recent meeting, rejected such a plea on the grounds that an emergency does not exist, under the emergency board setup.

Also to come before the emergency board will be the selection of a member to succeed the late State Senator Dean Walker of Independence.

Senate President Eugene Marsh said he would submit the name of a Senator to succeed Walker but any appointment would have to receive Emergency Board confirmation.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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because the parity guarantee has had no recent application to rice. Tobacco would be held at 90 per cent when marketing quotas are voted because tobacco growers have been able to hold production in balance with demand. With some variations for the individual commodity, flexible supports of from 75 to 90 per cent of parity would be maintained for wheat, cotton, corn and peanuts.

In the case of dairy products the present discretionary authority given the Secretary of Agriculture to support prices at between 75 and 90 per cent would be continued.

Likewise for feed grains (oats, barley), poultry, eggs, the support program would be continued at "not to exceed 90 per cent of parity."

Potatoes would be added to fruits and vegetables for whose benefit it would be legal to spend up to 90 per cent of general tariff revenues to encourage exports and domestic use of farm commodities in event of market distress to buy up such perishables. The sugar support program would be extended as it stands.

Wool would get special treatment. Domestic production would be sold at market prices; then the government would subsidize the grower enough to bring the average price for the season up to 90 per cent of parity.

If we are to have a parity support program this one seems better than what we have. It is more realistic: discouraging continued high production just for the government price guarantee. It will cost the treasury less. It will give some relief to consumers who have been paying prices higher than the market justifies. It provides a moving base rather than one now 40 years old.

The chance that the program will be approved is by no means rosy. Farm bloc members of Congress seem determined to maintain the present freeze at the 90 per cent figure for fear they will lose votes; and many farmers who admit their dislike for government aid are unwilling to be weaned from government subsidy.

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Seed Growers Hear Need for Cleaner Crop

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Farm Editor, The Statesman

WALDO HILES — Growers are going to have to know something more about seed than putting it into the ground and harvesting it if Oregon is going to stay in the seed business, Rex Warren, farm crops specialist, told some 175 seed growers Tuesday in a meeting at the Waldo Hills Community hall.

The group gathered at 10 a.m. under the direction of Hollis Ottaway, Salem, and at noon the luncheon was served by the Waldo Hills Grange Home Economics club with Mrs. Theodore Riches as chairman. The seed grower has to know the adaptability of his soil, how much fertilizer it should have. He should have a weed-free soil and know how to continue to keep it weed-free through spraying, the specialist said.

Cleaner Seed

"If we are to stay in the seed growing business — and we do have the climate and the land for it — we must grow a cleaner seed than we have been producing," Warren insisted. He added that "You must grow a large enough acreage to make it profitable. Returns per acre of Oregon seed growing is relatively small, only a rather large acreage will make the crop worth while."

Besides knowing how to produce a big crop on a big acreage, the grower must know what to do with that crop after it is produced. Ray Teal, seed marketing specialist, said in following up the talk by Warren.

"You must," he said, "know something about the market." Outlook for seed market depends upon three things, the market specialist said, as he enumerated production, supply and demand or use.

A year ago, Teal went on, "We could preach only the gospel of gloom to the seed grower. This year the outlook is not too pessimistic."

Outlook Optimistic

He pointed out that from the standpoint of production, which is down, and from that of demand, which is up, the outlook is rather optimistic. From the standpoint of supply, which is more than can be used in two years, the picture is not quite so bright.

The future, too, doesn't look too dark to Teal for the hairy teed crop, "if," he qualified, "we can keep the south from growing it for market." The demand for this legume seed is up as it is being used for many more things by many more people.

Two other college men were also on the program: Harold Fennell, who told of seed certification, and Tom Jackson, who discussed fertilization of seed crops.

A panel of local seed growers discussed production and other seed problems as they had met them, and included on this were J. J. Doerfler, Roy King, Floyd Fox and Ambs Furnue of Silverton; E. T. Rose of Hubbard; Roy Wilcox of Salem and Norman Reiling of Donald.

Indian Still 'Critical' Due To Gun Wound

Statesman News Service

McMINNVILLE — William Riggs, 30, Grand Ronde Indian, is still in critical condition in hospital here from two 22 bullet wounds through left chest as the result of an argument Dec. 30 at Grand Ronde.

Polk County District Attorney Walter Foster said his office is awaiting hospital reports from McMinnville before proceeding with charges of assault with intent to kill against Johnny Ramon who is being held in the county jail in Dallas under \$2,500 bond. Conviction would carry a maximum 20-year sentence.

Death Claims George Foster Of Woodburn

Statesman News Service

WOODBURN — George C. Foster, 45, died in a Portland hospital Sunday. Foster was distributor here for the Shell Oil Co. for 19 years.

He belonged to the Knights of Pythias at Hubbard and the Multnomah Club at Portland. He was also a member of the Woodburn Episcopal Church.

Foster came to Woodburn in 1933 from Los Angeles.

He is survived by his widow, Fern; a daughter, Carole Lee, Woodburn; mother, Mrs. Grace C. Foster, Los Angeles, and a brother, A. W. Foster, Molalla.

Funeral services are planned Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Ringo Funeral Chapel here. Final commitment will be at the Mt. Crest Abbey Crematorium, Salem. The Rev. T. M. Baxter of the Woodburn Episcopal Church officiating.

Hiram Saxton, Salem Barber, Dies at Coast

Hirman H. Saxton, 74, former Salem barber, died Saturday at his home in Newport following a heart attack. He had been ill for some time. Funeral services were held in Newport Tuesday.

Saxton operated a barber shop at 19th and State streets for several years until 1947 when poor health forced him to retire. He then moved to Newport.

A native of Michigan, Saxton at one time was in the general merchandising and logging business in Toledo. He had been a resident of the state since 1904.

Survivors include his widow, one son, one daughter, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Allen, Truhan Seek Station At Longview

WASHINGTON — The Altru Broadcasting Co. of Longview, Wash., applied to the Communications Commission Tuesday for a new radio station at Longview. The application was for 930 kilocycles, 1 kilowatt, daytime only. The company is controlled by W. Gordon Allen and John Truhan of 2060 Hansen Ave., Salem, Ore., the application said.

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Russian Propagandists Grasp Talk of U.S. Depression Fears as Proof of Weakness

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst— Is Soviet Russia winning out on her major twin objectives in the Cold War?

There is no question that her policy ever since Yalta has been based on the belief that weaknesses in the capitalistic system, leading to defections among the free nations, would eventually prepare one nation after another for the civil wars by which she intended to promote world conquest.

Toward that end she has created an atmosphere in which other nations were forced to complicate their recovery from the economic drains of World War II by heavy spending on that one commodity which is a complete waste if not used — arms.

In passing, she grabbed off such morsels as she could get away with, such as Eastern Europe, to enhance her own strength.

And through it all she has walked the tight-rope of threatened war, making strenuous efforts to keep the Western world so divided politically that its expenditure on arms would not become a concrete threat to Soviet hegemony.

For more than a year now Russia's greatest diplomatic efforts have been directed against Allied plans for inclusion of German armed strength in a Western coalition which would mean the end of her margin of power in European politics.

That's why she agreed to a four-power meeting on the problem of German reunification, and why she now delays it as much as possible. She wants time for the idea to grow in French minds that there may be some escape from the necessity of something that is very distasteful to them.

In the meantime, her hopes of a depression in the United States fol-

lowing World War II have been dashed, she watches gleefully for signs that the Korean War might have produced the last straw. Her propagandists grasp American talk of a business recession, and describe it as the approach of a crisis.

Things like the efforts of the American government to be ready with palliatives if a depression should threaten, and the campaign among business leaders to persuade people not to talk themselves into a slump psychology, are used as one side of the Communist propaganda phonograph record. The other side attempts to use economic threats to deter further defense expenditures.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

OFF THE BOOK BEAT — "Who writes?" the Creekmores asked, very upstage, of their young Hubert Creekmore when he decided he wanted to write.

It was, it is, in Mississippi, and the novelist's present home is Jackson. The itch to write bothered him as early as grammar school. By the time he was grown and determined on a literary career, he couldn't think of many names with which to answer relatives who believed . . . as who doesn't? . . . that absolutely any other work paid better. "Bill Faulkner," he suggested as one writer, but the family pointed out, correctly, that Faulkner wrote and also worked on his farm. . . . this was 15 years before Faulkner got the Nobel prize. He added Will Percy and Stark Young, and still didn't prove a case. But ask him now, as I did

It is easy to interpret passing clouds in the sky as the forerunners of a deluge. People are so glad to have such prophecies proved wrong that they hold no resentment.

But is it really necessary to fear that Russia can win through to any of her objectives? Simple addition gives the free world a sum of economic strength and military potential which, if the sum be actually totaled by unity, guarantees security.

Russia has troubles of her own. Her people have never known anything except depression. Would Americans lie down before her even if they did face some privations?

when he came to New York recently for the publication of his third novel, "The Chain in the Heart," and he rattles off a long list of fellow Mississippians who are fellow-writers: Eudora Welty (whose brother is married to Creekmore's sister), Elizabeth Spencer, Jefferson Young, Shelby Foote, Tennessee Williams, Cyd Ricketts Sumner and others.

How does the South happen to be producing so many novelists? "There are greater conflicts between classes, or between races," he answers. "They stir the writer up, they egg him on." How does Mississippi, despite its small population, do so much better than her sister states? Creekmore doesn't know.

At last, a new and "truly priceless" book, says Bill Cole, of Knopf's. Review copies of Angela Thirkell's forthcoming "Coronation Summer" should have been, but were not, marked