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No Un-American Committee

Sen. Mark Hatfield is right in his opposition to the proposed creation of an un-American activities committee in Oregon.

The move to establish such a committee, by Sens. Boivin and Lonergan, apparently was stimulated by a letter about some books used in the public schools. The contention is that these books contain un-American matter, and that a state un-American activities committee could receive such complaints and investigate them.

In the 1953-55 Guide for Teachers published by the State Department of Education, these are among the ends listed to which each Oregon school directs its program:

1. Attain the highest type of patriotism through a deep and abiding love for our country, loyalty to its institutions and ideas, and a compelling desire to keep them inviolate.
2. Develop an understanding of the basic principles of American democracy which include the worth of the individual, justice and fair dealing.
3. Strive toward the ideals of American citizenship and develop a world outlook and a feeling of personal responsibility as a world citizen.
4. Develop an understanding that all citizens of the United States should enjoy the same privileges and assume the same responsibilities of citizenship regardless of race, national origin, or creed.
5. Develop an understanding of the concept that free enterprise is the keynote of our economic structure.

Anyone who feels that these goals are un-American, or that textbooks used do not carry out this philosophy, can take his complaints to the State Textbook Commission, to local school boards, or to the State Department of Public Instruction whose superintendent is an elected official. Members of these bodies, either elected or appointed by elected officials, must have the confidence of the public, or they would not long remain in office. Surely these men and women, whose business it is, are as able to judge the value of textbooks as would legislators.

As for subversive activities in general, any Oregon resident who suspects anyone else or has information or evidence pointing to subversive activities has a patriotic duty to report to the FBI. This can be done quietly, and the FBI, whose integrity and ability are unquestioned, will do its work quietly, too. Dragging the state legislature into subversive investigation seems silly.

We Hope It Stays North

We don't advocate snubbing our big sister Portland, even though we can't find much there that we haven't ourselves, but in the particular instance at hand we are rather hopeful Portland snubs us.

It appears our state's fine metropolis is having a bout with a bearable but rather unpronounceable ailment called gastro-enteritis that has caused 40,000 of its population to take to their beds and some to the hospitals. The cause is a mystery, blamed by some on the tiny protozoa giardia, by others on some of the viruses with which we have not yet learned to deal. Whatever the cause, and however it is transmitted, we'd prefer it didn't spread south.

Not that the Salem area has been entirely

American Political System Ofttimes Requires President to Be Too Specific About U. S. Intent

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

There are occasions when the American political system, which frequently requires the executive branch to be more specific about its intentions than is good for its relations with other countries, actually produces information of benefit to a enemy.

One of the things the Eisenhower administration has been trying to do is retain its flexibility in dealing with the Far Eastern situation. It is trying to go as far as necessary in warning the Chinese Reds without tying itself to too many automatic actions in the future.

This time, however, the cause of eventual lessening of the tension over Formosa may be served by the Senate debate which forced clarification of the preventive war issue.

Red propaganda has been playing that angle, trying to make it appear the United States, instead of merely intending to defend Formosa, is preparing warlike positions. This occurred before the subject was raised in the Senate.

The explanation that no such idea is entertained — even that retaliation against the Chinese mainland is still not to be an automatic reaction by field commanders but remains strictly under presidential authority — was needed.

It would have been better, of course, for the cause of a unified front, if the doubtful senators could have gained publication of the information without first making it a point of open attack.

There has never been any great danger that Chiang Kai-Shek or Syngman Rhee, or both, would draw the United States into war against her will. They are too dependent, and even their combined forces would soon stop rolling if they sent them against the Reds without prior guarantees that the United States would back them up.

One of the major points in the present American position, however, is that Formosa and South

without it. Some such ailment laid some of the male Willamette students low a few weeks ago, but women students generally escaped. And there are other cases of nausea, diarrhea and stomach ache which have not yielded to definite diagnosis. Generally, the flu bug gets blamed by the layman and the illness is over before any serious diagnostic attempt can be undertaken. But there is a difference between flu and gastro-enteritis, just as there is between bacteria, which can be isolated with comparative ease, and the viruses, which still keep fairly well hidden.

Doctors have been alerted by the state board of health to be on the lookout for the symptoms reportedly shown by 10 per cent of Portland folk. We'll be on the lookout, too, and dodge if we can. Some of our friends recently apparently didn't see it coming. The wise ones saw their doctor, who may not be able to pinpoint the cause but who can do a pretty good job of getting a person back on his feet.

The Postal Deficit

The Post Office Department makes out a strong case for itself in asking, among other things, for a 1-cent increase on the first ounce of first-class mail. It points out that such an increase would bring in new revenue estimated at \$237 million dollars annually, and that 75 per cent of such extra cost would be borne by business.

There is no doubt the Post Office Department is operating in the red and has been for a long time, or that 3-cent mail—in vogue for more than 22 years—is one of the very few items which has not shown a sharp increase in cost since the depression days of the 1930s.

It is true there has been some curtailment in delivery service in that time, however. And that the department didn't help itself financially by opening the doors to more mail addressed only to "occupant" or by, in effect, discouraging airmail by announcing that 3-cent letters would go airmail automatically when plane space permitted.

But we aren't opposing the Post Office Department's effort to balance its budget and halt its deficit spending. We are merely citing some of the steps it has taken which have constituted a rather poor approach to "making friends and influencing people" so far as getting public support for ending its predicament is concerned. Its program, in the main, seems sound.

We couldn't understand why March, June, August and November were voted the "favorite months of 1955" until the office pointed out that each has five paydays.

The weather table shows we're nearly five inches below normal in rainfall this winter but so far there've been no complaints about it.

Editorial Comment

APPRECIATED ADVICE

Up in Washington the Legislature is also facing a money problem. There the state needs at least \$40,000,000 more than it thinks it's going to get. Gov. Arthur B. Langlie in his address to the opening legislative session advised of the need for more money, but didn't say how to get it. He tossed the pocketbook problem to the Legislature and as much as said, "Here she is, boys, she's your problem."

Contrast that with what happened in Oregon. Gov. Paul Patterson also addressed the opening legislative session on the problem of finding additional money. But then the governor, as experienced legislator, outlined how he thinks the money should be raised. We fail to exult over the governor's proposals, but nonetheless we appreciate knowing the views of this experienced legislator who is now governor. And the Legislature doubtless also appreciates this advice from an old hand at the business of finding state money.

Gov. Langlie may have a point in washing his hands of the tough problem. But we think Gov. Patterson's method is better.

—(Eugene Register-Guard)

Your Health

By Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Having trouble with your vision even when you're wearing your glasses? Maybe you need trifocals.

This new type of spectacle provides "continuous vision" lenses. Whereas bifocals enable you to see both near and far, trifocals supply another field of accurate vision between the near and far. If you're 40 or over, and can't distinguish fine print at the normal reading distance, trifocals may be just the thing for you.

The Better Vision Institute of New York City reports that a check of 50 persons wearing trifocals shows the majority are satisfied with them.

Sixteen of these people, the Institute says, were extremely enthusiastic about the glasses, while another 24 wore them regularly with apparent perfect comfort but took them in a more matter-of-fact way.

Only one of those tested said he actually disliked them. Another refused to try them for more than ten minutes.

According to the survey, you will probably get the most benefit from these new glasses if your work requires unusual posture or frequent changes in the working distance of your eyes.

A bus driver, a shoe salesman and persons with similar occupations, ordinarily will find the glasses more useful than those whose vision line remains about the same during working hours. Some of you just won't have any

practical use for three-zone vision.

The average age of persons reporting on the Better Vision survey was 56.3 years. The youngest was 45, and the eldest 80. They reported the shift to trifocals from bifocals or single vision lenses was easy.

Whether you wear trifocals, bifocals or ordinary spectacles, sometimes you're likely to be caught without them. So here's a little trick you middle-aged persons who need a lot of light to see clearly might try if you've got to look up a telephone number in a dim light and have forgotten your spectacles.

Cup your hand to form a tiny pinhole and peek through it at the numbers. You'll probably be able to make them out clearly. The reason for this is simple enough. Under low illumination, your pupil expands. The larger diffusion circles fall upon the retina and the rays of light are spread out and produce a blurred image.

Your cupped hand clears your vision by eliminating these diffusion circles. You get the same effect as when a strong light makes the pupil contract.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
Mrs. M. K.: Would trembling, sickness of the stomach, fainting and irritability be a sign of a nervous breakdown?

Answer: These symptoms may occur in psychoneurosis, commonly known as a nervous breakdown. (Copyright, 1954, King Features)

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"I told you to stop telling them that they can't take it with them, Speedy! ... That's the business of the Internal Revenue Division!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1.)

is a very vital part of the scheme. For what the customer will see in the store is not just what Dior or some one else shows in Paris, but what the store's buyer has ordered for its clientele. Naturally that buyer aims primarily to please the store's customers; but as a practical matter the customers are relying largely on the judgment of the buyer.

These buyers are quite a practical lot. Most of them are the "older girls" who are fully self-reliant. It's a strenuous day's work for them as they try to crowd in as much viewing and pricing as they can. Though well groomed they are not "dolls"; and are much too serious to be taken for the auxiliary of a tradesman's convention.

All this is just part of the vast organism of American business; and certainly in the field of women's apparel enterprise operates on the very ferest level.

Today the House passed with a vote of 409 to 23 a resolution giving President Eisenhower the authority he requests for possible military action in China waters. The Senate is expected to take similar action tomorrow. I have checked a few papers to note editorial comment. The New York Times reviews the history of the situation, and identifies the military precautions "not as steps toward war but as steps away from it" and concludes that the President's action "is the best way" of demonstrating to Red China the wisdom of avoiding military measures.

The Chicago Daily News heads its editorial: "The Statesman-like Note Will Help Avert War."

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1945

Maj. Phil R. Brownell, Salem, was one of 51 officers of the corps of engineers who completed a week's observation study of the management and operation of Camp Lee's army service forces training center, the largest installation of the quarter-master corps.

Arthur Feldman, Blue network war correspondent, said in a broadcast from Luzon the march on Manila was moving so fast that some of the Yanks were collapsing from the heat.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles D. Woods were in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, where they attended the golden wedding celebration of Mrs. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Paulson.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1930

The fruit trees in Willamette Valley were damaged during the past few weeks of cold weather, according to a statement made by F. H. Zinser, local orchard supply man.

H. L. Stiff of Salem was elected a vice president of the Western Furniture conference which concluded its five day session at San Francisco. Mr. Stiff was also president of the Retail Furniture Dealers of Oregon.

One of the chief topics of conversation among folk interested in the theater was the remarkable picture, "Disraeli" with George Arliss in the character of the great statesman Disraeli.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1915

A train-stalling snow storm described by Burlington railroad officials in Lincoln as the worst experienced for many years, was raging in northwestern and central Nebraska. A high wind accompanying the snow had reached the proportions of a blizzard.

The spelling average for the eighth grade of the Crooked Finger school was 100 per cent for the contest held this month in all the schools of the county excepting those of the city.

With the hall of representatives crowded almost to capacity with spectators, the members of the lower house of Oregon's 28th legislative assembly passed a substitute bill, and went on record for a "dry" Oregon.

By Lichty

First Citizen Cited for Work With Hospitals

(Story also on page 1)

A. (Adolph) C. Haag, Salem's new First Citizen, "is largely responsible for improved hospitalization" in this city, a banquet crowd of more than 300 persons was told last night.

His work as first president and director of Salem Memorial Hospital was one of the many attributes detailed during the announcement of his selection by Arthur Atherton, acting for First Citizen Carl Hogg who is ill at his home.

Atherton said Haag was "largely responsible for improved hospitalization" in Salem, and that he "is one of those individuals who could qualify for this honor during any year—in all ways he meets the qualifications."

Haag is a past president of the Cascade Area Boy Scouts, and longtime holder of Oregon's highest award—the Silver Beaver; past president of the Salem Lions Club; past president of the Salem Community Chest and a director of that organization for nearly 20 years; first president and still director of the Salem Memorial Hospital, and long active on important committees of the chamber of commerce.

The new First Citizen also is active in Knight Memorial Congregational Church and campaign chairman of its building fund; organized and served as temporary chairman of the Oregon Industry and Defense Contracts Group; was named by the governor to organize the Board of Defense Council, and served on the county budget committee.

He is one of those persons who makes service to a community a continuous thing, who sets a certain project through, whether it takes one year or 10 or more," Atherton said.

Dr. Robert J. Maaske, president of the Oregon College of Education, gave the night's keynote address. He described a good citizen as one who respects and upholds the law, accepts and discharges his civic duties, respects the rights and feelings of others, practices democracy in his business and home life, informs himself on local and world affairs, and sets a good example for youth.

"A 'First Citizen' needs to possess these qualities plus the attributes of special leadership and efforts in community betterment," Dr. Maaske said.

The evening's program included dinner music by the Willamette University Instrumental Trio (Tricia Gordon, Marilyn Hanthorn and Margaret Huson); piano solo "Malaguena," by Ronald Potts; vocal solo by Betty Mullin Joseph, accompanied by Barbara Freitag, and a vocal solo by Dr. Melvin H. Geist, accompanied by Mrs. Geist.

The previous First Citizens of Salem are Charles A. Sprague, Robert L. Elfstrom, William L. Phillips and Carl Hogg.

Man Fined After Wreck

A Salem man who was arrested by state police Thursday on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident was fined \$25 in Marion County District Court a few hours later after pleading guilty to the charge.

The motorist, Albert Jewel George, 42, of 4270 Liberty Rd., told District Judge Edward Stadler he left the scene of a collision last week because he thought the other driver had also driven away. Police said the lights of the other vehicle, driven by Ivan Gartner of Salem, went out after the crash because of a short circuit. The accident occurred on the night of Jan. 20 on the Pacific Highway south of Salem. George's arrest followed a routine traffic check early Thursday.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The message was sent all over the world."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "siesta"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hauteur, harlequin, heinous, hereditary.
4. What does the word "chromatics" mean?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "The message was sent over all the world." 2. Pronounce si-es-ta, i as in it, e as in less, a unstressed, accent second syllable. 3. Heinous. 4. The science of colors. (Pronounce the first syllable as "crow"). Her knowledge of chromatics was evident in her paintings." 5. Despotism.

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Dog License Sales Down

Only 1,200 dog licenses have been sold at the Marion County clerk's office in a month and a half, the office said Thursday and added that persons not buying a canine license by March 1 would pay \$1 extra per license.

Last year, some 7,400 dogs were licensed in the county. Licenses must be renewed each year. Charge is \$1 for spayed females and males, \$2 for unspayed females.

Mrs. Nash, 60, Succumbs to Brief Illness

Mrs. Madeline Nash, 60, a lifetime resident of Oregon who had lived in Salem 32 years, died Wednesday night in a Salem hospital after a brief illness.

Mrs. Nash was born March 26, 1894, in Albany. After being graduated from Oregon State College, she taught school in Albany and Independence. She was married in December, 1920, to John W. Nash, who survives. The couple moved to Salem two years after their marriage.

In Salem Mrs. Nash was a substitute teacher in the public schools for many years. She was a member of the Christian Science Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Order of the Easter Star, Daughters of the Nile, the American Legion Auxiliary and Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Survivors in addition to the widow include a sister, Mrs. Ruth Wicks, Albany; a brother, Charles Rawlings, Albany; and three nephews. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Clough-Barrick Chapel. Interment will be in Mount Crest Abbey Mausoleum.

Heider Asks New Trial in \$98,665 Case

A \$98,665 judgment to a man who charged he was falsely arrested has brought a motion for a new trial from the defendant, Otto W. Heider Sr. of Sheridan.

The judgment was handed down Tuesday to Cecil A. McNeff, Portland in Marion County Circuit Court.

Heider states the court erred in excluding evidence that McNeff was in jail prior to the alleged false arrest.

The suit resulted after McNeff was arrested in April, 1952 by the Kiskiack County, Wash., sheriff on the basis of a telegram sent by Heider claiming McNeff was behind in payments on the truck he was driving. No formal charge was ever filed by Heider.

Heider's motion Thursday contended the damages awarded were "excessive," "given under the influence of passion and prejudice." Legal errors by the court also were charged.

Walter C. Winslow, Salem attorney representing Heider, said that if the motion is overruled the case will be appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Willamette Forest Timber Sales High

PORTLAND (U) — The Willamette National Forest led in sale of timber from national forests of Oregon and Washington last year. Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone, reporting a record sale for the year, said the Willamette forest led with receipts of \$5,606,787.

LOS ANGELES WARM

LOS ANGELES (U) — Los Angeles had its warmest day of the young year Thursday. It was a balmy 75. Previous high was 73, reached Wednesday and last Monday.

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