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Washington Outlaws Communist Party

The Washington Legislature rushed through a bill to outlaw the Communist Party and Governor Arthur B. Langlie signed it. The act makes membership in the CP a felony, punishable by a fine of \$5,000 or five years' imprisonment, or both.

Thus far has the Northwest come since the famous debate in May, 1948 between Governor Thomas E. Dewey and Harold E. Stassen. It was held in Portland and was the climax of the battle between the two for the preference of Oregon Republicans for President. Stassen had campaigned in the state urging that the Communist Party be outlawed. Dewey took him up on that issue, opposing such action. While no "decision" was rendered after the radio debate, it was generally conceded that Dewey had the best of the argument. And Oregon Republicans gave him the preference at the ensuing primary election. This turned the tide against Stassen and Dewey went on to get the nomination.

Of course a great deal has happened since 1948, the Hiss trial for one thing; and the charges of Joe McCarthy; and "twenty years of treason"; and the Fifth Amendment defense against inquisitors. The public mood has changed. It is doubtful if Dewey would take up the gauntlet of opposition to the outlawing of the Communist Party now, particularly since so many of its members have been convicted of conspiracy and had their sentences upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court.

The law does get over into the field of making opinion a crime, though the specific charge is membership which of course implies action as well as opinion. Its practical value is doubtful, though it may break up what there is left of the old Red cell in Seattle. At best it is a negative approach; and Communists now are so harried in this country as to be quite ineffectual.

Maybe the 1948 nomination should be reconsidered and the nod given to Harold Stassen!

The Yalta papers have just been published—America version; and Washington says the papers on Tehran and Potsdam may follow. Judging by the reaction in foreign capitals that may be one way to kill off future conferences. Negotiators do not like to have their whispers amplified so the world can hear.

Friends of conservation regret to learn of the death of Ed F. Averill, one of the stalwarts in the battle for protection of wild life and natural resources. A graduate of Willamette University he served for many years as member of its board of trustees.

Congress Moving to Open Forestlands to Mining, But Forests Not Protected as Yet

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Congress is moving swiftly to open up additional millions of acres of national forestland to mining claims, but has yet to move in the direction of protecting federal forests from encroachment by those who stake claims primarily to cut timber instead of mining the earth.



A. Robert Smith

The House last week passed without debate a bill sponsored by Rep. Engle (D-Calif.) which would open up to mining claims 3.5 million acres of national forestland and 3.5 million acres of other public lands in the West. These 7 million acres have been reserved for years as power sites and thereby restricted from the usual mining claim that is allowed on most public land. Mining on power site land has been allowed only if specifically approved by the Federal Power Commission.

The Eisenhower administration sent Congress a favorable report on the bill, and it was quickly reported favorably by the House Interior Committee and approved by the House on the calendar of minor bills brought up last week.

No action has been taken, however, on legislation pending before the House Agriculture and Forestry Committee designed to protect valuable national forestland from exploitation by those who file mining claims to get the timber rather than cut any minerals that may be present. It is sponsored by the senior members of the committee, Reps. Cooley (D-N. C.) and Hope (R-Kan.). Action on the bill has been delayed because the administration has not yet disclosed its views on the proposal, although the Forest Service is known to favor such legislation.

Existing mining laws permit any mining claimant to get title to forestland by paying \$5 per acre and showing he has invested at least \$500 per 20-acre claim for improvements to tap the minerals in the claim. With title goes ownership of the timber which is often worth many

times his investment in the property.

This law was enacted in 1872 when timber values were negligible. The Forest Service has estimated timber worth \$100 million has been tied up by such claims in the three Pacific Coast states alone.

Under the Cooley-Hope bills, title for mineral development would not be affected but timber rights would go to the claimant only if he paid the going price of timber in that area as established by the Forest Service. Otherwise, it would remain under federal jurisdiction.

The only timber the miner could use freely would be that deemed "necessary in the development and operation of his mine" for such uses as shoring up tunnels and building structures on the property. And even this timber would have to be logged in accordance with sound principles of forest management as defined by the national forest rules and regulations.

Indicating the position of the Forest Service, Edward C. Kraft, assistant chief forester, told the public lands panel of the American Mining Congress that the Forest Service is finding it practically impossible to contest invalid mining claims because of inadequate funds and manpower. He estimated it would cost \$20 million to contest the 84,000 claims currently outstanding and \$4 million annually to examine each of the 16,000 new locations filed each year.

The Mining Congress in the past has mustered opposition to similar bills to help block their passage. In the last Congress, the Interior Department also opposed this legislation, while the Forest Service favored it. Congress failed to write the bill into law.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I'm replying to capitalistic protest about our planes flying over their territory... Is saying they must stop immediately pushing their country under our planes..."

REA Blast Against Hoover

We knew it would come, a blast against Herbert Hoover when his Commission report touched one of the "untouchables." And among them all there is none as untouchable as the Rural Electrification Administration. So it is not surprising that the general manager of the REA national cooperative accused Hoover of various (political) crimes like like "serving the vested interests" and joining with "the power lobby" and "Wall Street bankers" in an attempt to "destroy" the REA program. The critic even harked back to 1932 when Hoover was "repudiated in an overwhelming election defeat."

The offense which the Hoover Commission committed was to recommend that the REA no longer lean on the government for financing but draw on the general pool of credit. Maybe that is too drastic all at once, but eventually all these cooperatives should mature and be able to stand on their own feet. Certainly the recommendation does not warrant the frothing at the mouth from the "vested interests" which do not want any change.

Yalta Papers "Leak"

Publication of the Yalta papers was decided in a hurry last week. The excuse given was that a copy had "leaked" to the New York Times; and senators, hearing of this, insisted to Secretary Dulles that he make the papers public. Previously Dulles had offered copies in confidence to members of the congressional committees on foreign affairs, but Sen. George, chairman of the Senate committee, had rejected the tender, not approving of the condition.

Drew Pearson says the copy to the NY Times was furnished by Carl McArdle, assistant secretary of state for the press. It may be that this device was used to get an excuse for opening the papers to the world. Certainly if documents like the Yalta Papers book can "leak," the State Department must be something of a sieve in spite of the efforts of Joe McCarthy, et al.

Maybe the reporter was told to look on the hall table when he left the office.

Textbook on Oregon

Those whose school days are long since past (and those of their own children receding) are in for a sharp surprise if they pick up a present day textbook. In some of course the content is greatly altered: geography, history, physics, chemistry. Changes and discoveries have made the old texts obsolete. Even more striking though is the treatment given the material. More illustration, charts, graphs, supplementary helps to teacher and student.

What has brought this to our attention is receipt of a copy of "Oregon in the U. S. A." by Francis Haines of the Oregon College of Education faculty and E. Bernice Tucker. It is written for upper grade students and gives a very readable account of Oregon history with a great deal of information about geography, occupations, resources. Even the pupils who "hate history" should find this a book of absorbing interest.

The "For America" organization, the apparent heir of the old "America First" body, calls for action to repudiate the Yalta agreements and sever relations with Communist governments. Neither would boot Russia out of Poland or the Kuriles or restore the status quo ante Yalta. It does no good just to turn the clock back.

(JOHN) BULL'S EYE EXPERT



Comes the Dawn by Conrad Franke

One thing about those legislators—they are thorough. Take HB 241, awaiting action in the senate. It provides state property tax exemptions for disabled Oregon war veterans. And included in the list of eligibles are veterans of the war with Mexico (1846-48) and the Civil War. The catch is, there are no living vets of those two wars in Oregon. Anyway, if we ever get into a hassle with Mexico or have another Civil War these provisions will come in handy. Unless, that is, the senate catches and amends them...



Salem Optimist Club comes up with a new twist in its annual club election next month. Each candidate for office will be asked to make his campaign pitch, not in his own behalf, but for his opponent. Even though this may bring on some pessimistic optimists, it looks like a grassroots step in the right direction. Probably a moral there someplace...

If your coffee cup has been running over these days you will be happy to note that the recent Journal of the American Medical Association says 20 to 30 cups of java per day probably wouldn't hurt you. Unless you are not completely healthy (both physically and financially) to begin with... And in Spokane they paid a firm \$12,000 to survey the city's ailing bus system. Verdict: Sick transit needs glorious money. Problem: Too many former fares are faring too well with their own cars. Solution: Cut down on the routes and build up the fares—the city needs the buses...

Dr. Arthur F. Scott of Reed College was lecturing on A-Bomb blast radiation Friday at a Civil Defense meeting here. He was using a large wall map to illustrate the rate and places of "fallout" of radioactive dust or rain. As he reached the climax of his talk on "fallout" the map fell off the wall...

When Secy. of Interior McKay visits Europe in June it will be for the first time since his World War I days. The Secretary hopes to visit the Meuse-Argonne region in France, where he was wounded... When the McKay's late-arriving plane landed at McNary Field Friday afternoon a reporter asked McKay (the ex-senator), if he intended to visit the Legislature. "I haven't got any business up there," he grinned... He admitted, tho, that the delay in arriving put a crimp in his plans. "I'll hardly have time to turn around," he said...

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1.)

country's resources from private exploitation. The chairman of the Interior committee which reported favorably on the bill is Congressman Engle from Northern California. (See the dispatch from The Statesman's Washington correspondent, A. Robert Smith, on this page.)

Shortly after the big stir about Al Serena the Eugene Register-Guard investigated some filings for mining claims. It found that some university students had filed on all the good outcrops of rock readily accessible to the site of a proposed dam on the Willamette project. Rock is a mineral; so if the nearby source of rock for concrete was tied up on these mining claims the government might have to pay a premium price to mine what has been all along its own mineral. The joke reportedly was on the students when it was found that the lands had been withdrawn under the power site authority.

Whether HR 100 will have the effect of validating these claims by restoring all power site reservations to mineral entry is not clear. What is clear, however, is that it makes no reservation of surface and timber rights (save for O&C lands now protected under another law) such as has been strongly urged.

The committee report carries a letter from Undersecretary True D. Morse of the department of agriculture which notes

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Mar. 23, 1945

Three hundred or more Superfortresses roared through thick clouds over Japan's home island of Honshu in a low-level, three-way demolition raid. It was the first time three separate targets were lashed on the same large scale raid.

A short story by Ben Hur Lampman, author and associate editor of The Oregonian, was selected for publication in the 1945 O'Henry short story annual. The story, "Old Bill Bent to Drink," published in Atlantic Monthly, had its setting in early days of western Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Price named their twin sons born today in Seattle, Wash., Jack Edward and James Earl. Mrs. Earl Fisher was in the northern city to be with her daughter.

25 Years Ago

Mar. 23, 1930

In Glasgow, Scotland, a professional lighter was employed to keep street railway laborers from wasting their time. His sole duty was to refill and light the men's pipes as fast as they went out. His job was established by an efficiency expert.

Bonne Donne County, the ten-month great-grandson of Lang-ware Foremost, the famous herd sire of the J. C. Penney herd, arrived at Silverton to make his permanent home. His new owner was Dr. A. W. Simmons, who built up a splendid Guernsey herd on his farm.

Reports from Washington, D. C., that \$125,000 had been allocated by Secretary of War Hurler to the Willamette and Yamhill rivers.

40 Years Ago

Mar. 23, 1915

An interesting communication was received by Dean Mendenhall to the effect that the Rose Festival association of Portland had officially sanctioned the bringing of 75 voices to participate in the musical festivities. Voices included the First M. E. church choir, the glee club and the ladies' club.

At the Ye Liberty, the greatest dancer in the world Gaby Deslys in "Her Triumph." Miss Deslys, the favorite of kings, played in Portland last year at a \$3000 price, here at the theatre she was seen in her first picture for 10 cents.

The German Baltic fleet was cut off from its base by its own mine field, which broke adrift in a storm, according to a Copenhagen dispatch. A large number of mines floated into neutral waters.

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EVERYONE SHOULD SHARE TAX BURDEN

To the Editor:
Congratulations are due Mrs. Ahrens, of Turner for authoring a fearless and straight forward letter through your columns expressing her opinion for a sales tax.

While the majority of Oregon citizens certainly never object to paying their fair share of the tax burden so necessary in providing for the growing population of Oregon and the increase in public expenses which also grow along with progress and population of the state, the inequality of it all lies in the that most of the burden itself is at present borne by the property owners.

Is it fair that the property owners should foot the entire bill for education of Oregon's youth? Is it right that a citizen who has invested in a portion of his state in the form of a home for his family and those to follow him, be penalized for that investment in the form of excessive taxation?

We must have the finest and most up to the minute educational facilities; likewise, we must still have some property taxation, but it is not fair to force property tax payers to continue to foot the bill entirely. This subject could be debated from now until "Doom's Day," but there could never be a valid reason shown why a large portion of the states citizenry who share equally in the educational facilities of the state should go scot-free and immune from a share of its expense. Members of our legislature are aware of this, but to many of them, the word "sales tax" is a green eyed monster, one they would rather cringe from believing its adoption or their support for its adoption might result in their "political suicide." May I point out to them that public welfare should supersede politics...

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Court Names Lawyers for Baby-Sitter

EPHRATA, Wash. (U)—Two attorneys were appointed by the court Tuesday to defend Kathleen Carnaghan, who is charged with first degree murder in the death of a 21-month-old baby girl.

Superior Judge Robert T. Hunter appointed the lawyers at the request of the 27-year-old Miss Carnaghan who protested her innocence when she was arrested in San Francisco last week.

She was baby sitting with little Deena Starzman last Aug. 7 when the child was found dead, face down in a puddle of water at the Grand Coulee, Wash., home of the baby's parents.

Miss Carnaghan, an attractive redhead, maintained Deena accidentally drowned when she left her for a moment and it was so reported at the time. The case was reopened in January and the body exhumed March 9. A doctor said then death was caused by a blow on the head.

Judge Hunter said that "in view of the gravity of the case" he would defer taking a plea so Miss Carnaghan could consult her lawyers. Unless she asks for more time, she will be arraigned next Monday.

Miss Carnaghan worked for about a year as a baby sitter for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Starzman. She has been working lately as a typist in a San Francisco insurance office.

Attorneys Clifford O. Moe and Clifton Collins of Ephrata were appointed to defend Miss Carnaghan.

CONCEALED EXHILARATION

ALTUS, Okla. (U)—A man who went to jail on a drunk charge kept getting drunk. Police found a half pint of whiskey dangling inside his pants from a small cotton rope tied to his belt.

Christ Is The Answer
Dr. Edison Habegger brings
March 27 to April 10
First Evangelical United Brethren Church
Marion & Sumner Sts.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He asked if any eye-witnesses had seen the accident."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "ribald"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Parochialism, parsimonious, paroxysm, parenthesis.
4. What does the word "aggravate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pre that means "taking undue liberties; overbold"?

ANSWERS

1. This statement is redundant. Say, "He asked if anyone had seen (or, witnessed) the accident."
2. Pronounce the r as rib, not as in ride. 3. Paroxysm.
4. To make worse or more severe or more offensive. "The unfriendly criticism of his neighbors aggravated Tom's sorrow."
5. Presumptuous.



Many times our first impression is the one we tend to follow. Since this is the first "Private Review" I trust that the full meaning of the drawing above will become clear to the reader as he bears with me in this column.

The other day I was talking to an old farmer friend of mine and he was telling me about the good old days when folks would pitch in an help a neighbor build his barn. I couldn't help but think how we have improved on the good old days. Why, now we not only help a neighbor build his barn, but if he doesn't paint it red, we will even pay for it. 'Course we did make an exception with the farmer Tito, but his barn wasn't bright red, just sort of crimson.

One way to reduce the national debt would be for the States to have one Senator instead of two. Oregon has already set the example. We sent two halves, and all we need now is the salary adjustment.

Republican candidates are going to have a field day soon. The big question is who? Who will run for President, Senator, Secretary of State and Sheriff of Multnomah County? I understand a certain gentleman in Multnomah County is eyeing the Salem climate and lovely capitol with much affection these days.

A good "dark horse" might get in a few good kicks at the no longer independent, independent, but I'm afraid with no more result than the last horse.

The next time the question of Social Security or old age pensions comes up—give it some help. Remember while you may be young and working today the future will bring you old age, and an end to your ability to work. Changing economic conditions can damage your retirement program quite suddenly. To anyone who may not have seen this happen I recommend your talking with a few folks that hit 65 during the 1930's or '40's. I think they could enlighten you greatly!

If you have made it this far with me, thanks, and I hope we can get together again.

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