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WHAT MARTIN DID SAY

NUMEROUS protests against what is now called Governor Martin's "sterilization policy" indicate a complete misunderstanding of what that policy actually is—as often happens when people glance over news headlines and pass stories on into the expansive medium of mouth to mouth circulation. The protests indicate that many believe the governor is advocating some general policy of sterilization or emasculation for great numbers of "unfit." This is not so. Neither is it true that there has been any official action by the board of control which regulates state institutions.

What actually happened was that Governor Martin as the pardoning officer of the state made a declaration of personal policy. He said he would not pardon penitentiary prisoners charged with unnatural sex crimes unless they agreed to submit to sterilization. He did not make this requirement of any other class of prisoners, nor did he refer in any way to inmates of other institutions, only to penitentiary prisoners with horrible sex charges against them. Another point not generally understood is that sterilization does not mean emasculation; it is a relatively simple operation which prevents breeding but does not interfere with normal functions. The governor's policy therefore means only that those who have proved sexually abnormal shall not be turned loose to breed more of their kind—a very humane and sensible rule.

The efforts to attach a simple statement applying to one class only of offenders against society into a general declaration of "Nazi policy" are to be expected of those elements which are looking for trouble. Common sense as well as medical and scientific opinion supports the governor's plan not only as a protection for society but as a means of protecting this class of unfortunates from themselves.

EUGENE—"RED FACED"

THE illumination from the picturesque blaze which Saturday night swept the city stables and maintenance plant revealed a startling fact, which should reddens the faces of Eugeneans. This unbelievable disclosure was that never before July, 1935, had the city of Eugene ever had any records resembling an inventory of its supplies and equipment. The fire only too clearly pointed the moral of this short tale when it destroyed property, the replacement of which will cost nearly \$4000 and which carried but \$350 insurance. The reason for such inadequate coverage is explained by City Recorder Cal Bryan as a direct result of the mystery which has shrouded information on the number and value of the properties owned by the city and used in its numerous departments.

Until July 15, 1935, when Bryan had, placed in his hands, the first city inventory, there was no official in Eugene, or elsewhere, who could provide an accurate list of the tools and equipment which was kept in the city maintenance plant. As a result, when a big portion of the plant was destroyed, taking with it approximately \$1500 worth of city tools and equipment, only one-fifth was covered by insurance.

Such laxity is inexcusable. Every businessman, regardless of the size of his organization has some records by which he can tell at any time just how much merchandise he has on hand. Large industries, having thousands of units of merchandise and equipment, maintain complicated inventory systems. Such records are invaluable and necessary sources of information in compiling asset totals, in making plans for future periods, in purchasing needed supplies, and in planning for adequate insurance coverage. Eugene's city administration is a business concern. Each year it does hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of business through the many ramifications of its necessary governmental agencies. To do this business; to provide Eugene citizens with adequate police and fire protection, modern lighting, sufficient sanitation and well kept streets, the city government must at all times have available a mammoth supply of departmental equipment—tons of stationery, blank forms, lead pencils, ledgers, entry books, and records; gallons of gasoline and oil; thousands of fixtures and motor accessories; dozens of cars, trucks, wagons and miscellaneous machines; yards full of wood, paving supplies and repair materials; and other articles too numerous to mention. Never before a month ago had Eugene really been informed of the properties it owned. There was no classification. There were no records. There was only partial insurance.

Recorder Bryan is to be commended for his foresight and initiative in laying the foundation for a city inventory system, and better protection in the future.—M. B.

If the United States gets into another war, a sure way for us to win it quick would be to call the other side strikers.

While the League of Nations is mulling over the idea of a protectorate for Ethiopia, might it not also consider a protectorate for Mussolini?

McGurk wants the S. P. C. A. to stop the "talkathon" in Congress, but why, Ajax? The animals love it!

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

HOMES OR CARS

(Albany Democrat Herald)

THEY were discussing the housing problem—why more private builders haven't built new homes during the last few years, thus improving housing conditions and bringing jobs back to long-unemployed building craftsmen.

All the old considerations were threshed out, the high cost of building materials and labor, low wages, high cost of lots and financing charges, and all the rest. Then a very astute editor broke into the conversation, "I think the biggest factor in housing is not houses at all, but the automobile," he said.

He argued that a man with an average salary below \$1500 a year could not afford payments on both a house and an automobile. And that today this average man, unable to have both, prefers the auto to the house.

The manner in which automobile sales of 1935 have stood up all year long at the highest point in several years gives strength to this idea.

It would seem that men re-employed and men be-

ginning to "get out of the red" have been buying automobiles first, but not houses. Perhaps the houses will come later, but it seems to be getting established that the auto now comes first.

For in these days you can live in the car most of the time. Many a man chooses inferior housing plus a car in preference to a more comfortable home without one.

This was not said critically, but in an honest effort to determine whether new influences may not be at work on the housing situation which is only in recent months beginning to revive.

The day is past when the automobile was considered a luxury. Under present conditions of life, it may well be thought of as a necessity to most men. Therefore, it is no use to bewail the change in taste. If it is a fact, it must be faced.

And the American way to face the issue is to work for establishment of such conditions that a man need not choose between a decent home, and an automobile. The American way is to work for such a condition that he may have both. That way prosperity lies.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—There is a theory, more popular on Capitol Hill than elsewhere, that Congress is competent to legislate.

The fact is that no congressman actually has the time—and very few have the capacity—to understand any really big-scale problem. The exceptions to that are men who take years to study a particular issue—as Cordell Hull studied the tariff or George Norris the power problem.

I remember that Congressman George Huddleston of Alabama said to me several years ago:
"Most of us are dubs. Most of us are controlled by certain interests or certain persons back home."

Yet it was Mr. Huddleston who introduced a resolution, passed by a narrow majority of "dubs" who had been exposed to the most expensive lobby ever known in Washington, which ordered him and other House conferees on the public utility bill to insist on barring from the House-Senate conference Mr. Ben Cohen, who drafted the original bill and is counsel for the National Power Policy Committee.

SLAP IN SENATE'S FACE

The vote was a spectacular event because it was without precedent and because it reasserted that somewhat battered theory that Congress is competent to legislate without aid.

It also merits special attention because it was a slap in the face for the Senate, whose conferees insisted on Cohen's presence as their technical adviser while they sought to compromise the House and Senate bills with the House conferees.

Congress long ago hired a legislative drafting service whose seven employees are now swamped with dumb bills which congressmen insist on introducing.

The obvious need of technical experts in framing tax and tariff legislation has long been recognized and it has been customary to call in government sharks to aid members trying to work out bills in conference.

Cohen sat with House conferees on the securities and stock market acts. AAA attorney Prew Satoy and Tel Taylor have been constantly with the conferees on the AAA amendments, and so on.

If this were not customary, congressmen would just get all gummied up and find themselves inserting seemingly innocent jokers contributed by private interests outside.

COHEN KNEW HIS SUBJECT

The House had revised the Senate holding company bill so that the Securities Exchange Commission, charged with administering the act, insisted controversial sections 11 (substitute for the "death sentence") and 13 were unworkable.

Giving SEC discretion to dissolve some holding companies and preserve others sounded like an unconstitutional delegation of power which would throw the act into years of litigation as well as bring on possibly irresistible pressure against SEC.

Cohen, the New Deal's outstanding legislative draftsman, had spent months of days and nights studying a subject so complex that some holding companies can't even explain their own structures.

He knew so much more about the bill than anyone else that senators relied on him to help them devise a workable bill in conference and to spot any jokers suggested by hostile House conferees, who included Huddleston of Alabama and two Republicans who had voted against the bill.

CHECKMATED WALL STREET

But Cohen is celebrated here for drafting a securities act which was virtually the first big act which Wall Street lawyers, even for fees of hundreds of thousands of dollars, couldn't get around.

It used to be a congressional custom to pass regulatory, tax, and other laws through which the giants of industry and finance galloped like a herd of stampeding elephants.

But here was Ben Cohen again, a government employee making less than \$10,000 a year, pitted against lawyers and lawyer-lobbyists to whom holding companies had paid hundreds of thousands of dollars, with another measure which—before the House operated on it—had also seemed bulletproof.

The House, by and large, distrusts "brain trusters" because it distrusts brains. So Huddleston was able to capitalize on that prejudice to the extent of persuading the House to smack the Senate and repudiate previous procedure and brains in the government service at the same time.

All in all, the House demonstrated a fear of Mr. Cohen which was the finest tribute paid here to a "brain truster" in many long months.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine
RIGHT now your hygienic adviser is enjoying a cruise to Nassau, in the Bahamas; Kingston, Jamaica; Trinidad, Caracas, and Brazil. There are some hundreds of doctors on the boat representing a great many of the different specialties of medicine.

It is interesting to see how they conduct themselves under the circumstances. The weather has been clear and warm and the old Atlantic well high as smooth as glass; there is no seasickness of importance.

If the old ocean does kick up and any one gets seasick there are a lot of remedies for it. The trouble is that there are too many remedies.

This means that not one of them is certain in the same way that a good cathartic is sure to get results. Some of the seasickness remedies are planned to dry up the secretions. Some are just sedatives of the nervous system. Some are planned to stimulate the secretions.

Others are just means of enhancing the power of suggestion. Some are mechanical, such as wearing a tight belt or putting cotton in the ears. These, too, probably do nothing more than make the person who is going to get seasick think he is suffering less than he really is.

All the doctors have become worshippers of the great sun. They spend lots of time on the sun deck and sports deck and they choose their sports according to their age.

A great heart specialist and a great lung specialist try their hands at shuffleboard and tennis. A doctor with some muscular rheumatism amuses himself on an outdoor deck putting green.

The young fellows from 40 to 45 years of age are to be found in the swimming pool; they toss the medicine ball and they play table tennis, which have turned out to be mighty fast indeed.

Then the oldsters who look back on some 65 to 70 years go round and round the deck, walking about a mile daily in the open air.

At the table on shipboard the doctors are unusually spring. The dining-room steward figures he is going to show a fine balance sheet at the end of the voyage. No doubt the doctors eat less because it is hot, and in hot weather the body does not require as many carbohydrate calories for warmth. They do eat plenty of fresh fruit and they drink fruit juices.

The physicians seem to have cut down on meat and the potatoes, which are rich in starch, and might about as well be left off the menu.

SIDE GLANCES



"I'm accepting this invitation because they owe us a dinner. After tonight I never want to see them again."

Cottage Grove News Items

COTTAGE GROVE, Aug. 12.—(Special).—Several forest fires are burning in this section. Five are reported up Row river and seven on Mosby creek in the timber area. Large crews of men under forestry fire prevention department are engaged in fighting fires.

Mrs. Carl King entertained Friday evening at contract bridge. A 7:30 dessert was served. Mrs. W. H. Daugherty held high score. Mrs. John Kelly received the traveling prize. Game prizes were given at each table.

The local fire company responded to a call at the O. M. Kem home on west Main Saturday when a blue fire bursted a hole in the roof. Slight damage was done to ceilings from water in addition to the hole in the roof. A grass fire near the Bjorsett home on McFarland hill west of town called out the fire company Friday afternoon.

Truman Merritt who has been visiting at the home of his uncle, Al Rosenthal, left for his home at Seattle, Saturday.

Jack Miller, Chet VanDenberg, Oscar Hubbard, Carl and Fred Reng-

nett called to see Ralph Teeters at Soldiers' hospital, Roseburg, the last of the week. Mr. Teeters is not so well and may be transferred to the hospital at Walla Walla.

Ray Vinson is home from the veteran hospital at Roseburg where he has been taking treatment for some time.

Mrs. Herbert Eakin, Miss Lula Currin, Mrs. Mabel Merrymann and Mrs. E. R. Job were Eugene visitors Friday.

Reason Longfellow was down from Bohemia mines for the week-end. Mr. Longfellow is employed at hampson mine and reports work is progressing rapidly on buildings at the mine making ready for opening up the mill in the near future.

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Smith have returned from a few days visit at Klamath Falls and other points in southern and eastern Oregon.

Chas. Matthews of Portland is a guest at the home of his son George, Mrs. George Jacobson and Mrs. Glennie Frost motored to the Matthews summer home on the Umpqua the last of the week and brought home Betty Jacobson and Donna Safley who have been visiting there.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry J. Moran of Salem called on Mrs. Ethel Hagen Saturday enroute home from Los Angeles.

Creswell News Items

CRESWELL, Aug. 12.—(Special).—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tennis have sold their 72-acre farm south of town in school district 42 to Lee Miller of Van Nuys, Cal. The new owner and family plan to occupy the place the first of next month. Mr. and Mrs. Tennis will move to Creswell.

The place has a very good location and is equipped for the raising of chickens. There are several acres of bearing prune trees on the place and a number of other fruits also two fine springs. Two girls from the Miller family will enter the Creswell high school and a boy and girl will attend the district school.

Advance literature from the Piney Woods Country Life school reminds the public of the concert to be presented by the Cotton Blossom singers from that school at the local Methodist church Tuesday evening, Aug. 20.

No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be taken. The leader will also tell something of the work of the school in the Black Belt of Mississippi and of the home missionary work for general. The school is undenominational but Christian. T. J. Pruitt, second hand singer of the quartet, also reader, will be the only one of the group that formerly visited Creswell.

A special musical program has been planned to follow the regular business of the Townsend club Tuesday evening. It will be in the nature of a guessing contest with prizes for the most correct answers to the numbers presented. Both vocal and instrumental numbers will be included.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McDonald called Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nason. They were on their way home to Piedmont, Cal. from Portland where they visited relatives. Mrs. McDonald is an aunt of Mrs. Nason.

The advisory board of the Townsend club met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cameron. Plans were talked over to arrange with the club members for a benefit entertainment for the Creswell Firemen's department. All members were urged to be prompt for the opening of each meeting on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Members of the board present were Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. C. E. Warner, Mrs. Ida Aldrich, P. A. Main and C. E. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tennis visited with their son, O. W. Tennis and family of Corvallis Sunday and got acquainted with a new granddaughter.

Fashion Showings—Simple, Lovely

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DOYLE-BUSENBARK WEDDING HELD

Ceremony Is Held At Evans Home At 1 o'Clock

At a simple ceremony performed Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stark Evans, Miss Joyce Busenbark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce A. Busenbark of Roseburg, became the bride of James Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Doyle of Roseburg. Rev. Veltie Pruitt read the ceremony.

The bride wore a blue net dinner dress and for her flowers wore a corsage of pink roses. Mrs. George Bishop, who was Mrs. Doyle's attendant, wore a dinner dress of blue crepe. Mr. Bishop was best man for Mr. Doyle. Gladioli were used in decoration around the rooms.

Mrs. Doyle is a graduate of the University of Oregon where she is affiliated with Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Mr. Doyle attended the university also and is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle will make their home at 1376 West Sixth street in Eugene. Mr. Doyle is on the staff at KORE.

TO VICTORIA

Mrs. Nelson Macduff, Miss Betty Anne Macduff and Jack Macduff returned Sunday from a week's vacation trip to Victoria, B. C.

VISITING HERE

Miss Julia Ann Abraham of Portland has been visiting here a few days with university friends.

GOES TO MIDWEST

Mrs. J. Q. Beardsley has left for the mid-west to visit relatives for several weeks.

WITH MISS SCHAEFFERS

Members of Alpha Omicron Psi are meeting Monday evening at seven o'clock at the home of Miss Evelyn Schaeffers.

SPINSTERS TO MEET

Miss Margaret Schaeffers will entertain members of the Spinsters club Monday evening at seven-thirty.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. L. B. Pagter and children, Larry and Mary Jean, and Mrs. M. M. Boney and children, George and Gordon, are visiting here from Bellingham, Wash., as guests of Mrs. George W. Kinsey, mother of Mrs. Pagter and Mrs. Boney. They will be here for some time. Both Mrs. Pagter and Mrs. Boney are former residents of Eugene.

A recent arrival in the son's home. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Trefren plan to leave soon to make their home at Bonneville where Mr. Trefren has the position of janitor of the schools. Their son, Rev. S. G. Trefren, former pastor of the Creswell Methodist church, is pastor of the Community church at Bonneville.

Jannett and Leonard Mikel of Eugene spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mikel.

L. W. Coleman and L. Ruth of California have purchased the Springfield creamery. Mrs. Margaret K. Warner will continue as the Creswell agent and operate the local station.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gahrio of Cottage Grove were callers Saturday at the home of Mrs. Flora Stratford.

Clyde Maupin of Oakland, Ore., visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brown. He is a nephew of Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Laura Kirkpatrick arrived the last of the week from Willows, Cal., to visit at the home of her son, M. E. Kirkpatrick, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crawford and family and their house guests, J. W. Bezze, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Marshall and Miss June Morrison, spent Wednesday and Thursday at the coast.

Anyone desiring the printed radio talks given during the Townsend broadcasts Monday and Friday evenings over KXN may get them at Walkup's store.

Miss Gravage of Los Angeles is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Strelnick at Hilltop Motor Inn on the north highway.

Hebron Happenings

HEBRON, Aug. 12.—(Special).—The young people of the neighborhood held a party and wicker roast on the river Saturday evening.

Katie Gierist and Miss Emma Rogers of Springfield have gone to California to join Miss Gierist's mother and sister, who have been in California a month.

Mrs. Cecil Geer entertained the Jolly Workers club Wednesday at an all day meeting. Ladies present were the Mesdames Eva Baker, Elsie White, Robert Geer, Maybelle Newton, Verna Geer, Maybelle New-Abeene, Fanny Patten, Mina Clark, Goldie Tullar, Elizabeth Clark, John Richardson, Marguerite Murry, Miriam Piper, Sophrona Venson, Ella Kellebeck, Grace LaBlanc, Beth Rich, Ardson, Dorothy White, Lillian Geer and Mrs. Fred Knott of Sacramento, Cal. Time was spent covering hangers and socially. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Grace LaBlanc Aug. 21.

W. T. Plank came Friday from Duquoin to visit his daughter, Mrs. Truman Clark, and family.

Albert Barkmeyer and family visited the Harold Radway family at Myrtle Creek Sunday. They were accompanied by Grandma Barkmeyer and Mrs. Radway came home with them.

George Kellebeck and son George, Jr., spent a few days this week at Clear lake on the McKenzie.

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Calendar

Monday

7 p. m.—Alpha Omicron Psi meeting, Miss Evelyn Schaeffers.
7:30 p. m.—Spinsters meeting, Miss Margaret Schaeffers.
8 p. m.—Women of Moose at Moose hall.

Tuesday

Division meetings of the Methodist Episcopal Women's Union listed elsewhere on this page.
2 p. m.—Alpha Circle of First Baptist church, Mrs. Perry, 512 West 10th.
6:30 p. m.—Zeta Tau Alpha dinner, Anchorage.
8 p. m.—Royal Neighbors of America, Moose hall.

RETURN FROM TRIP

Mrs. Ethel Christie and Mrs. G. Giustina returned this week-end from a several weeks trip to the mid-west and east. They went east by way of Yellowstone park and South Dakota, then visited in Pennsylvania with friends of Mrs. Giustina and in Florida with friends of Mrs. Christie. On their return they spent some time in Chicago.

HOME FROM PORTLAND

Miss Pearl Murphy returned Sunday from a trip to Portland.

POT AND QUILL

Members of Pot and Quill in Eugene this summer will meet at the home of Mrs. Guy Wernham Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

ALUMNAE TO MEET

Alumnae of Zeta Tau Alpha will meet Tuesday evening at six-thirty o'clock for dinner at the Anchorage. Miss Wilma Christie is in charge of the arrangements.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Women of the Moose has been set for Monday evening at eight o'clock at the Moose hall.

CIRCLE MEETING

The Alpha Circle of the First Baptist church is meeting Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock with Mrs. Perry at 512 West 10th.

PICNIC SET

Instead of the regular meeting of the Texas club Wednesday, a picnic at Skinner Butte Park at six-thirty will be held. This is held especially for newcomers to Oregon from Texas and will be a "get acquainted" picnic. All former Texans are invited and are asked to bring picnic dinners, silver and dishes. The club will furnish coffee, sugar and cream.

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Miss Jepsen Weds Sunday At Home Ceremony

Miss Marguerite Jepsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Jepsen and Ray Northam, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Northam, were married Sunday afternoon at five o'clock at home of the bride's parents, Milton S. Weber read the service, the presence of members of families of the couple.

The ceremony was performed at an altar of greenery and gladioli. The bride wore a pink suit with a finger length jacket, carried an arm bouquet of Brunner roses and sweet peas, wore white accessories.

Following the ceremony, a dinner was held for the families of the couple. The Jepsens were decorated for the occasion with jolly and roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Northam will make their home in Eugene.

M.E. Women's Union Division To Meet

Tuesday afternoon brings the regular meetings of the Division of Methodist Episcopal Women's Union. They will gather at the following times and places:

Division One will meet at Skinner Butte park for a picnic at two o'clock.

Mrs. Harry Balle is entertaining Division Two members at two o'clock at her home at 445 West 10th. There is no meeting.

Division Four meets with F. Goodpasture at her country home. Members will meet at two o'clock Tuesday morning at