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Dr. Gunn Goes to USC

In the two years he has served as superintendent of schools in Eugene, Dr. Henry M. Gunn has done a fine educational job and has steered the school system capably through the difficult period of adjustment after consolidation of Eugene and seven suburban districts. The Colin Kelly Junior High School now under construction is to be one of the West's outstanding schools and will be a high mark of accomplishment under his administration.

It is with real regret that Eugene will part with Dr. Gunn when he leaves Sept. 15 to become professor of school administration at the University of Southern California, but he has earned the community's best wishes for success in this professional advancement.

And we believe that in the post he is vacating the school board has placed an able, sincere and progressive man in Clarence Hines, who came here with Dr. Gunn to be assistant superintendent, after eight years as principal of Pendleton High School. Hines has not been in the public eye very often, but he has been producing results in the schools.

He will carry on and continue the ten-year program of school-building initiated by Dr. Gunn and planned in such a way as to distribute the tax burden as evenly as possible. There will be plenty of headaches for Hines, too. Housing 600 additional students this fall will not be an easy matter. As Eugene continues to grow, the educational and financial problems will remain with us and we will need wise direction. With two years' experience here behind him, Hines is in a good position to provide that direction. He will receive the cooperation and support of the school board. And any man in this position will need the support of the public, too.

We believe that for both Dr. Gunn and Superintendent-elect Hines there is a real future ahead.

Dean George Turnbull

The many friends of George S. Turnbull in the newspaper fraternity, in the community and the state will applaud his appointment as dean of the University of Oregon's school of journalism. He has earned the honor.

He has been acting dean since the death of Dean Eric W. Allen in March of 1944 and has carried the full responsibility of the deanship. His industry, his direction of the school and his loyalty have won general esteem.

Dean Turnbull rightfully belongs to what is known in newspaper parlance as the working press, for despite his duties at the university he has maintained working contacts with the newspapers of the state, a practice which assures the balance of a practical viewpoint in the classroom. When summer comes, he rolls up his sleeves, goes into the office of The Portland Oregonian, gets a stimulating whiff of printer's ink, and spends the vacation working on the copy desk.

His name has appeared above many articles which have made him known in the newspaper world throughout the country and he has given the state a volume entitled

"The History of Oregon Newspapers," which is considered the standard work on that subject.

George Turnbull came to the university as a professor of journalism in 1917, and has served continuously since that time. In 1948 he will reach retirement age. Although he will leave the deanship in 1947, his friends expect him to continue as an active and productive figure on the campus and in the field of journalism.

In the deanship he will be succeeded by Russell Ira Thackrey, dean of administration and professor of journalism at Kansas State College. Prof. Thackrey addressed the convention of the Oregon State Publishers Assn. in June. He has had a wide experience in the newspaper business and in the educational field and should have a great deal to contribute to the continued development of Oregon journalism, both on the campus and off.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

Truman's Recent Record

WASHINGTON, July 24 (NEA)—There has been considerable experting lately on the way President Harry S. (for Soft) Truman has been knuckling under to labor bosses. His vetoes of the OPA and Case bills are cited as evidence that Truman "is afraid of labor's special-privilege lobby, which blandly promises support at the polls or threatens to withdraw it if he doesn't do its bidding."

Anyone who is S. for Sucker enough to swallow that line has either been away or hasn't been reading the papers. Such reasoning overlooks completely a number of recent Truman acts which the labor bosses have not liked a little bit and which they have not hesitated to say they didn't like.

It overlooks the signing of the Hobbs anti-racketeering bill. It overlooks the signing of the anti-Petrillo bill. It overlooks the settlement of the rail strike, in which Truman threatened to call out the Army and draft the strikers into the armed services. It overlooks the maritime strike proceedings, in which the President threatened to call out the Navy. It overlooks Truman's consistent and insistent demands for better control of strikes against the government.

All these are decidedly anti-labor actions. Lumping them, there is reason to believe that Truman could do himself some good by courting the labor leaders a little bit more, if he wants to play politics.

But, balancing the anti-labor against the pro-labor, there is some basis for believing that the S. is for Smart, and that the man has been playing it straight down the middle, in a course that should appeal to the average independent and ideal citizen, who doesn't want any special interest to be a White House pet.

As a matter of record, it can be shown that labor leaders have recently been against Mr. Truman more than they have been for him.

Even that old Democratic wheelerhorse, Dan Tobin, who used to get President Roosevelt to come to his AFL Teamsters' Union banquets, recently let out a warning that the Democrats would be swamped in 1946 and 1948 unless they changed their conservative course.

A. F. Whitney, head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who once threatened to spend his union's millions to defeat Truman, now says he won't have to spend a cent, because Truman is going to be defeated anyway.

The whole CIO hierarchy, in fact, has lambasted the President liberally. They praised him for his OPA and Case bill vetoes, yes. But those two acts by no means balance the books against the debts of other Truman actions on matters held vital to labor.

His Record Confuses the Political Analysts
Political dopsters trying to analyze these things are apt to get all tangled up in their own conflicting guesses.

Guess one—Truman's anti-labor record will encourage the formation of a third political party, composed of labor, liberal, and left-wing elements, which will split off from the Democratic Party.

Guess two—Truman's subservience to the labor leaders in his granting of wage increases and his vetoes of the OPA and Case bills strengthens the cause of the conservatives and makes Republican victories in 1946 and 1948 inevitable.

Gallup and other polls are cited to show that the country favors greater control over union activities. But if that is true, Truman can point to his good record in asking for strike-control legislation and in signing the Hobbs and anti-Petrillo bills.

And it's inconceivable that anyone in the labor movement would vote for a Taft or a Bricker in preference to a Truman. Frank Kingdon, National Citizens' Political Action Committee head, has openly said as much, although he considers Truman "a little man rattling around in big shoes."

Guess three—Truman is doing all right, and will pull through, because the Republicans will nominate only conservatives. This is all the more likely if Truman has Henry Wallace for a running-mate.

Reeducation of Jap Children Described by Dr. Harold Noble

The lead article in the current Saturday Evening Post presents a picture of the Japanese reeducation program as seen by Dr. Harold J. Noble, professor of history at the University of Oregon. Noble, now on leave because of ill health, is a national authority on the Far East, having spent many years teaching in both China and Japan.

According to Noble's analysis, the reeducative process in Japan shows signs of promise with the younger element, in particular, taking easily to the new education diet being fed to them by MacArthur's school staff.

The problem with which the American educators must contend, explains Noble, is that of steering the young Japanese mind away from the doctrines of the Shinto imperialist-nationalist ruling class, which has dominated completely the school system since the early thirties.

Under this type of centralized education the teacher was an automaton who could exercise no discretion or hazard no deviation. The educational emphasis was on the destiny of the nation and the sacredness of the Emperor. A complete study of Japanese myths, which were drenched with imperialist-expansionist dogma, were designed to arouse a martial spirit, to establish blind loyalty to the emperor, and to develop a sense of Japan's divine mission.

Since this approach constituted the core of Japanese education, and completely dominated the textbooks, it was necessary, Noble

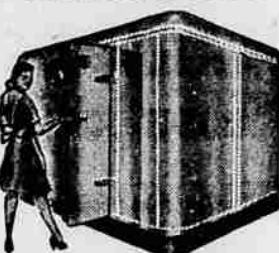
claims, to introduce entirely new courses and write all new textbooks. Nothing could be salvaged. There was no "book burning" however. Almost any book can still be bought, but MacArthur's men decide what can be used in the classroom. The banning of books from the public only serves to "martyrize" and popularize the condemned volume, he explained.

When MacArthur took over it was necessary to start building a teaching staff from the ground up. Teachers were scattered and demoralized, and among them were ardent supporters of Japan's new order. A screening of all teachers is now under way, and up to May over 600 had been dismissed as "unsuitable." Noble predicts that this figure will increase greatly before this fall.

An example of how well the program is progressing is given by Noble in a conversation between two Japanese youths. The eldest boy asked his brother who was greater, MacArthur or the emperor.

"Oh, MacArthur, of course. He gives me my bread."
"But what about the emperor?"
"What does he do for you?"
"Nothing," replied the youngster, "he doesn't do anything for me."

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Congressional Record Gets Big Contribution From Sen. Wayne Morse

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore) was a heavy contributor to the July 18 Congressional Record with five items totaling 15½ columns.

The senator started off with a plea for a new Portland postoffice. He said the Public Buildings Administration informed him no city in the country needed a new postoffice as badly as Portland. He inserted an editorial from the Oregon Journal entitled "Portland's 'half pint' postoffice."

He then got permission to insert an editorial from the Denver Post written by Palmer Hoyt, former publisher of the Portland Oregonian, about price control. This took a column and a half. An address "Political Ethics and Liberalism" he delivered before a local church ran eight and a half columns; an editorial from the Medford, Ore., Mail-Tribune entitled "Abolish the Filibuster" half a column, and an article "Liberalism and Liberalism" four and a quarter columns.

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Fishing Boat Sinks, 10 Lost

KODIAK, Alaska—(AP)—The only survivor of the cannery tender Cougar said Wednesday 10 shipmates and passengers drowned when the ship was pounded to pieces by mountainous waves in Shelikoff Strait.

Harold Agar of Karluk, Alaska,

a seaman, said he clung to a floating gas tank for hours in the icy water waiting for rescue vessels.

Alaska Sea Frontier radiomen picked up an SOS from the Cougar at 11:30 p.m., Monday. The ship reported it was taking water and sinking fast.

Cannery boats and Coast Guard craft, which set out to answer the distress signal, found only floating debris and the single survivor.

Agar said the Cougar was heavily loaded with salmon and was unable to withstand seas which washed over her.



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Beet Market Change Noted

A strong market for whole beets and sliced beets has made it necessary for the Eugene Fruit Growers Assn. to concentrate on processing these grades rather than diced beets, E. I. Pitkin, manager, announced Wednesday.

It will be necessary, because of the changed market conditions, for farmers to harvest their crops when the beets are mostly of the

number two size, he added. The size limit on the number three grade beets will be established at four inches, Pitkin said, and over that size will be culls. This size limit, he pointed out, is the same as prevailed before the war.

"During the war beets larger than four inches were diced and sales were made with a minimum of effort," Pitkin said. "Now there is only a limited market for diced beets so it has been necessary for the cannery to limit its pack on this style."



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