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When you want to stop sailing on the sea of trouble try tossing out your anger.

Running the new look a close race is the old look when the new look passes by.

The easiest thing to get and the hardest thing to get rid of is a bad reputation.

Reader Editorial

COMMUNIST PLAYS ROLE OF MARTYR DEFENDING FREEDOM EUGENE—(To the Editor)—Marvin Tims' page one article on the ex-assistant professor's speech...

I had the doubtful pleasure of hearing this ex-assistant professor's talk. He is using his grievance at being discharged from the University of Washington for admitted membership in the Communist Party...

After lamely rationalizing his position, he went on to accuse the United States of using food to swing its weight around politically in Europe...

During the question period which followed his lecture he admitted that he had seen some of his former students at Communist party meetings...

After hearing such distortions of the truth, I can only agree with another of the speakers present that we should not allow Communists to be instructors at any level in our educational system...

EDITOR'S NOTE: We fight the old demon Space, every day. Any reporter or editor could be hanged any day in the week for what he puts in or leaves out—short of a stenographic record which is not possible...

WASHINGTON LETTER By PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent

New Negotiations on Austria Will Test Russia's Sincerity

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—New attempts by deputies of the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers to draft an Austrian peace treaty should throw considerable light on the sincerity of Russia's peace offensive.

This will be the sixth try since the end of the war. The first five have produced tentative drafts on a 57-article treaty, which is still a secret document.

The treaty is stalled on two principal issues. 1. Should Austria have the same boundaries as in 1937, before the Hitler take over? This is article five of the proposed treaty.

Treaty negotiations broke down last May over the boundary question. It is not now considered so important, except that the Russians might want to cling to it as a pretext, in case they do not wish to agree on the larger question of reparations.

There is really only one territorial or boundary question. It is southern Carinthia, which has been claimed by Yugoslavia. In the past this claim has been supported by the Russians.

Another Yugoslav claim against Austria is for \$150,000,000 reparations. In the Potsdam agreement of August, 1945, the Big Four said that Austria should pay no reparations.

Several attempts have been made to approach this problem from new angles in reaching a compromise solution. One has been to specify properties in East Austria which might be assigned to Russia as reparations.

Among specific items considered are oil properties, Danube Steamship Co. assets, farm lands and factories. Also discussed have been how long these properties should remain under Russian control, and how much of their current production should be assigned Russia.

A further question arises over whether these properties finally transferred should be subject to the laws of the Austrian government, and whether they should be exempted from possible nationalization by the Austrians after a term of years.

Debate How to Guarantee Austrian Freedom Among lesser treaty articles on which there is disagreement is one proposing that the Big Four guarantee to recognize the independence and territorial integrity of Austria, and what machinery might be set up to prevent aggression against Austria by other powers.

There has been no agreement on whether Austria should be barred from research, manufacture or stockpiling of materials that might contribute to a military potential. The United States and Britain have been against any such restrictions.

Treatment of the 400,000 to 500,000 displaced persons in Austria provides another tough question. Most of these DP's are now in the three western zones. The western powers are opposed to any repatriation or resettlement against the will of the DP's themselves.

Dixiecrats Push Housing Action

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Southern Democratic senators were planning Monday to push for early action on housing and tariff legislation in an effort to stall a show-down fight over filibusters.

Chairman John J. Sparkman, (D-Ala.) of a Senate Banking Subcommittee on Housing, said he hopes to have a compromise long-range housing bill ready for Senate action by next Monday.

Other congressional developments: Dixie bloc—A top-ranking House Democrat said the once-powerful southern bloc no longer has the strength to stop the President's legislative program.

MacArthur—The Senate Armed Services Committee is expected to vote this week to invite Gen. Douglas MacArthur home for congressional questioning.

Military pay—The House Armed Services Committee was scheduled to open hearings Monday on a bill to increase military pay by more than \$400,000,000 a year.

Indonesia—Sen. Owen Brewster, (R-Me.), accused the administration of trying to "buy" Dutch cooperation in the proposed North Atlantic Security Pact by "crucifying" the Indonesian Republic.

Salem Session Half Finished

SALEM—(AP)—Most legislators figured Monday they were about halfway through the 45th session as the lawmakers began their 43rd day.

Both houses were scheduled to take up their work at 11 a. m. The House has had several highly-controversial issues on its docket, including legislation to give the State Board of Agriculture executive powers...

The Senate meanwhile will consider majority and minority committee reports on legislation to abolish milk controls and a Senate joint resolution to refer to the voters the question of whether to abolish the death penalty.

Jordan Valley Has 2 Choices

JORDAN VALLEY—(AP)—This incorporated city hasn't gotten around to electing officers for 12 years now, and one resident thinks something should be done about it.

Dr. W. W. Jones, Jordan Valley physician, said he thought his town should either work up a stronger interest in civic affairs or stop being a town.

The 350 residents of Jordan Valley last held a city election 12 years ago. The mayor they elected then—James McCain—moved away right afterward, and they never elected anybody to replace him.

J. L. Long, a city councilman, is the only elected official who is still serving. The rest of the town's activities are directed by volunteers.

Dr. Jones said he was going to send a copy of the city charter to Malheur County District Attorney Charles W. Swan, and find out what could be done about either calling an election or unincorporating the town.

House Tax Committee Sets Two Hearings

SALEM—(AP)—The House Taxation Committee will hold public hearings this week on the questions of taxing public ports and cigarettes.

The port hearing will be held at 9 a. m. Wednesday. The bill, which the committee already has decided to reject, would exempt from taxation any company which leases a public port.

Delegations from Umatilla, The Dalles, Portland and Astoria will appear at the hearing.

The cigarette tax hearing will be Friday afternoon. The bill would levy a tax of 2 cents a package, and a companion bill would let the manufacturer fix the retail price.

Barber Shop Sing Winners Named

FOREST GROVE—(AP)—Tacoma's Harmony Vendors sang their way to the championship of the Oregon-Washington barber shop quartet here Saturday night.

The contest wound up two days of festivities reminiscent of the gay nineties era.

The Agony Four of Oregon State College placed second and the House Brothers of Bonanza, Ore., placed third. Other finalists were the Four Naturals of Clark County Junior College, Vancouver, Wash., and the Chord Busters, Pacific College, Newberg, Ore.

Members of the winning team were Fraser Chesholm, Paul Newman, Louis Tebesau and Carl Cheney.

Thirsty County Seeks Ice Thaw in River

PRINEVILLE—(AP)—Most of Jefferson County was without drinking water Monday. Ice and logs in the Crooked River damper turbines of the Opal Springs Water Co.'s pumping station, cutting the domestic water supply to most parts of Jefferson County.

In The Editor's Mailbag

TO SHERMAN COTTAGE GROVE—(To the Editor)—We would like to comment on Mr. Charles W. Sherman's letter of Feb. 8.

We realize that it requires some intelligent thinking by both Parties before it is possible to accomplish any appreciable moral, social, political, economic or spiritual reform of the individual or a nation of individuals.

The Communists do not qualify under any of these. They as individuals do no thinking (that is done for them in Moscow). They teach no truth and are not even consistent as they claim one thing and practice another.

We would like to observe that Mr. Sherman's statements that Mr. Sherman refers to as tirades, were in our estimation entirely too mild. The Washington professors who were discharged have on place in our educational system.

As for people being curious about Communism we believe that the great majority of our people have a better conception and understanding of Communism and its fatal results on a nation than do most of the so called American-Moscow converted Commies.

The thing that arouses our curiosity is the kind of a quirk in a man's thinking that would cause him to voluntarily and blindly embrace a political philosophy of an organization that would grind him down to an infinitesimal nonentity shackled by blind obedience to the state.

We realize that we cannot regulate man's ideas but it is possible by patient true teaching to keep his attention centered on ideals of patriotism and freedom for which our forefathers shed their blood, while through the orderly process of our laws we curb the vicious rabble rousing and trouble making Communists who under the protection of the freedom assured each individual under our constitution advocate and work for the overthrow by force of the Government of a free people.

As for the Russian government under the old Czar sending political prisoners to Siberia Joe Stalin has shown that government to have been a small time piker.

Mr. Sherman's reference to Christianity to advance or substantiate his arguments smacks of empty mockery when we realize that Communism (Moscow brand) is not only a Goddess philosophy but would if possible emasculate the very conscience of man making him a perfect subject for a ruthless anti-Christ dictatorship that would perpetuate itself through slavery and murder of those whom it professes to foster and protect.

Yes Christianity expanded and grew under persecution for it was the Will of Christ that it do so. His was and is a Spiritual Kingdom. Stalin's is temporal and as such is doomed to final destruction. So let us here and now deny that Communism has been or are being persecuted by the courts of our land; to the contrary they have enjoyed boundless freedom and opportunity under the protection of our constitution to spread their nefarious and slimey teaching. When they run afoul of the law they run crying like a whipped bully trying to hide behind the constitution the thing they have dedicated themselves to destroy.

It is our opinion that Communism should never be mentioned in the Paragraph with Progressiveness or social reform, because Communism is complete retrogression and well may be compared with the ancient Roman government where the great part of the population was bound in slavery, ruled by tyrants comparable to Stalin and his immediate followers.

Referring to your quotation from Theodore Roosevelt's speech touching on desirability to rewrite the Constitution to bring it up to the demands of the age we point you to the fact it is entirely possible under the flexibility of that document to make such change within its frame work that is deemed necessary. This has been done by offering and adopting amendments and will be again if and when it is necessary—but this does not mean it is necessary to destroy it.

No Mr. Sherman we cannot force all men to think alike and

POLIO PETE

Folks everywhere meet Polio Pete. He struts in his cage, and defies all defeat. Like the almighty dollar he takes the stand, The most popular guy in all the land.

He is sold at auction to one and all. He'll sell you his liver, his gizzard and gall.

We might learn a lesson from Pete so wise, He never talks back, and never tells lies. He crows when happy, expects no encore, Content in his cage, he never gets sore.

Don't think this a joke, but stop and pause, They are selling old Pete for a noble cause.

No respecter of persons, money or race, A paralyzed loved one may be his next case. No one is immune from the villain's snare, For money or rank he does not care.

Don't let remorse or regret full your soul, With evil intent he may enter your door.

To alleviate pain that all may live, If your pennies and dimes you freely give, It's your duty folks all over the land, Help hold high the banner and take a firm stand.

Polio the grim monster is marking his score, Polio is heading straight for the goal.

Folks think of this when feeling your (oats) hay.

UNFAIR? EUGENE—(To the Editor)—Reason for this letter is that I would like to know whether or not there is two sets of traffic laws in the city of Eugene, one for buses, trucks and taxi cabs and one for privately owned automobiles.

The report of Judge Barber's court appearing in your paper dated Feb. 3 fails to state how many trucks and buses passed the officer that was trailing a private automobile on Franklin Boulevard which was traveling 40 m.p.h. I know from personal experience that it is practically impossible to drive from downtown to Judkins Point without being passed by at least half a dozen buses and trucks traveling from 40 to 50 m.p.h. Still I do not see any truck or bus owners fined for exceeding the 25 mile speed restriction. What's the answer?

Heavy fines our kindly Municipal Judge is now imposing on private car owners for minor infractions of the traffic laws may be one of the reasons our downtown merchants are complaining about no business. Five or ten dollar fine for some minor infraction sure seems out of line while at the same time trucks, buses and taxi cabs are apparently allowed to exceed all speed restrictions without any interference from the police.

Yours Respectfully, H. R. Trower, Route 2, Eugene

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