

Strand Defends OSC Dismissals

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democracy by irritating it. They don't want to cure it."

ERP Included

Another kind of propaganda is the Marshall Plan, which has found opponents in Henry Wallace and his "Communist-controlled group," and in the Fascist element in the United States, Dr. Strand continued.

A third kind of propaganda used is the theory of genetics as advanced by the Russian scientist, T. Lysenko, disclaiming the influence of heredity and relying only on environment.

"One of the men who has said he was unjustly treated wrote a letter to a paper defending the party line on genetics in Russia," the speaker charged.

Understands Criticism

Dr. Strand said he had been criticized for his actions by many Communist organizations in the nation, and could understand their attitudes. What he cannot understand, he said, is the criticism of the "purists" of academic freedom. If these men knew what he knew, Dr. Strand declared, they would have come to the same conclusions.

The Oregon State College faculty is content with the action he has taken, Dr. Strand believes, and 14 chemistry professors on indefinite tenure unanimously approved the dismissal of Ralph Spitzer, he said. The local chapter of the AAUP has said that neither man has a case, the president declared.

Cleared Publication

A faculty committee appointed last fall for review and appeals reported recently on the contentions of the two men, and found all accusations against the administration in error. This committee cleared the administration of "things printed in the daily paper" (the Register-Guard), the OSC president emphasized.

"It makes no difference if a man is a Communist or just a 100 per cent adherent to the party

line. If this man is tied down by the compulsion of the party and its teachings, how can he be a free member of an academic staff?" Dr. Strand asked. "He is not free from his political compulsions, and has not the right to discuss academic freedom."

Is Not Blind

"I don't know how stupid college presidents are supposed to be," the president continued. "It may be an occupational hazard, but we can't be stupid all the time. I would have to be to pass up things that have been going on all the time on our campus. To the purists I say that I don't care to be stupid all the time."

Dr. Strand said he did not "have to be blind to the undermining of decency."

"Why should the state pay a man who is trying to destroy the state in the interests of a foreign power whose interests are diametrically opposed to ours?" he asked.

Ten Days Left To Find Room

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find locations for two of the settlement families who must vacate within 10 days to make room for a home which the county must move to make space for the right of way to the new Ferry St. Bridge.

Court Will Cooperate

County Commissioner L. G. Raish said the county could not tell anybody where to locate but the county court would cooperate with the committee in helping these people.

Roy Stauffer, chairman of the Lane County Progressive Party, said "This is not a racial problem, but a housing problem." He said a district should be set up so both whites and negroes could use it. "We don't want a Jim Crow policy," Stauffer said.

J. V. Berreman, professor of sociology at the University of Oregon, told the meeting that property should be acquired anywhere that it is within the means of these people, whether it is in the city or out.

Seek Near Location

The Negroes from the settlement expressed that they do not necessarily want to be in the city, but would like to be adjacent so they could be near their work.

Karl Wagner, American Legion commander, said "Let's not be choosy in trying to find land for these people, it's difficult to find."

He pointed out that the veterans settlement in Sladden Park is not segregated, but was used because the "veterans needed a place to live."

Most of the families in the settlement have employment with the railroad, the highway department and as janitors and domestic employees. Some are unemployed.

Two Held for Sheriff

John D. Lund, 780 Washington St., was arrested by city police Tuesday afternoon on a charge of knowingly uttering a forged check. He was turned over to the county sheriff.

Held for obtaining money under false pretenses was James A. Stewart, no address. Stewart was arrested late Tuesday night and Wednesday morning was being held for the county sheriff's office.

Fine Lapses, Jail Opens

Roy A. Jones, McKenzie Bridge, was lodged in the county jail Tuesday for non-payment of a fine.

Jones was arrested Feb. 15 for driving under the influence of alcohol, and was fined \$200 for a similar charge in Nov., 1948. He was committed to jail by municipal court Monday night.

Hit-Run Charge Filed

PORTLAND — (P) — A hit-run driving charge has been filed against Dale Manning, 22, Amity, who surrendered to police here Monday night.

He said he was the driver of a car that struck Janice Sorenson, 4, as she crossed a city boulevard last Wednesday. The girl suffered a head injury, but was released from a hospital Sunday.

Milk Control Change Seen

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sored a resolution for an interim committee which would investigate the care and treatment of inmates of state institutions during the next two years.

DP Motion Downed

The Senate voted 17 to 12 against a motion by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland Democrat, to consider his memorial to ask Congress to allow 400,000 displaced persons to come from Europe to the United States. Neuberger's motion was to take the measure away from the resolutions committee, which has tabled it.

Neuberger also served notice he would move to take away from the education committee his bill to establish a junior college in Portland, unless the committee acts on it soon. The bill has been in the committee for two months and 12 days.

In Loan Squabble

Sen. Vernon D. Bull, La Grande Democrat, also complained that the Senate's Judiciary Committee hasn't acted on his bill to limit loan companies to a maximum of 18 per cent interest a year. They now charge up to 36 per cent. But Sen. Irving Rand, Portland, committee chairman, said Bull hasn't shown up to ask the committee to act.

Bills passed by the Senate and sent to the House would abolish the Vanport School district, which was destroyed in last summer's flood; let county chairmen call meetings of state party central committees, and make it possible for the two Portland daily newspapers, which lost their legal standing in the recent strike, to accept legal advertising again.

The House adopted a committee report which would make it possible for married couples to split their incomes for state income tax purposes. They now can do this under the community property law, but this law has been repealed.

Waitress' Tip Jumps

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — (P) — The elderly couple gave waitress Lena Somers an eight-cent tip for serving their restaurant dinner. Within an hour, they were back. They wanted to know, was the lady's purse?

Manager Norman Dehlstrom handed them the purse. Mrs. Somers had found it. It contained \$5000 in cash and checks, he was told by the grateful couple. They tipped Mrs. Somers again. This time it was \$20.

SECOND ISRAEL PEACE

BEIRUT, Lebanon — (P) — Israel and Lebanon signed an armistice, giving Palestine its second major peace agreement within a month.

The Isle of Wight, in the British Channel, has a total area of less than 150 square miles.

Eugene Man Named Highway 99 Officer

H. B. Roadman, Roseburg, was elected president of the Oregon U. S. 99 Highway Assn. at its annual meeting in Salem March 19. Elected vice-president were Carey Thomson, Medford, and C. H. Demaray, Grants Pass. J. E. Earley, Eugene, was named secretary-treasurer.

The new executive board is composed of H. E. Eakin, Cottage Grove; Carl W. Hogg, Salem; W. Chadwick, Salem; Floyd Martin, Portland; Glenn W. Prather, Corvallis; Bob Lytle, Medford; L. V. Beckley, Roseburg; and Judge E. Johnson, Grants Pass.

In resolutions to the Oregon legislature, the association favored the interim report of the highway committee as it pertains to U. S. 99, asked improvements to certain sections of the road, and asked retention of the legislature's Interim Highway Committee.

McKenzie Tour Plans Finished

SPRINGFIELD — The McKenzie Caravan, scheduled to depart from this city April 10, will pack more sight-seeing into one day than the average traveler encounters in a week.

Assembling at the state trout hatchery at 10 a.m., business men and retailers will take part in a 15-minute welcoming ceremony before journeying up the river. Guides will be furnished each car at this point by the McKenzie River Development and Protective Assn. to conduct passengers to places of interest.

The caravan will visit several unusual locations. Among these will be two of the Northwest's most prominent fly-tying shops — a place where special fish flies for McKenzie angling are made.

The group will also stop at a lodge that was once used by former president Herbert Hoover as well as "Army" Arnold, former head of the Air Force. A chinchilla farm also is on the caravan itinerary. The farm, approximately 47 miles from Springfield, is one of the biggest operations of its kind in the state.

Chamber officials Tuesday said the forest service had consented to open the McKenzie area campground for inspection during the tour.

Couple Escapes Injury In Motorcycle Wreck

SPRINGFIELD — Carl Jones, Springfield police officer, and Doris Burch, escaped injury Tuesday evening when Jones' motorcycle slipped out from under the couple after hitting a slick spot at Mill and Main streets.

The accident, which occurred at 7 p.m. just east of the bridge, did not damage the motorcycle, according to Springfield police. The couple did not require hospital attention.

Planners Mull Health Standard

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standards were far more than required by sanitary authority regulations.

Lays Down Cards

Kinney said he believed the septic tank issue "is directly in your laps inasmuch as you require approval of sewage disposal by the local health department in your building permit ordinance."

Steve Ford, E. H. Peterson, Carl Rutherford and Secretary Howard Buford were appointed from the planners to discuss the matter with health authorities.

They will report their findings, and a possible set of standards at the first meeting of the group in April.

Sewage Important

Peterson pointed out to the planners that sewage disposal, water supply and drainage are becoming "increasingly important as our population expands in urban areas." He said "we have to face the problem" and sub-dividers of land are going to have to acquire suitable property for that purpose or go to the expense of making areas suitable for the general welfare of the people.

Change Ordinance

Planners spent a brief amount of time on the proposed plans by allowing churches to maintain only 20 foot setbacks on side and rear yards instead of 50 feet.

Robert Prescott another Eugene realtor also appeared before the commission and held a brief discussion on the problem faced by the colored community living across the Ferry St. Bridge on county property. Prescott believed a place should be found for the people.

US BIDS FOR OLYMPICS

WASHINGTON — (P) — President Truman Wednesday signed a congressional resolution inviting the International Olympic Committee to hold the 1956 Olympic games at Detroit, Mich.

Bartlam Name To Synod

PORTLAND — (P) — The Episcopal Diocese Convention has rejected a proposal to allow women to attend as lay delegates from Oregon parishes.

The vote Tuesday came after the committee on church canons returned the amendment proposal to the floor without recommendation.

Advocates of the plan deplored the vote. The Rev. Alexander Anderson, Portland, said "I think we are afraid something is going to happen if we admit women. I think something worse will happen if they are not admitted."

Named delegates to the provincial synod were Rev. Charles Neville, Corvallis; Rev. Ernest Bartlam, Eugene; Morris Milbank, Grants Pass; G. P. Porter, Eugene, was appointed to an unexpired term on the diocesan council. Justice Harry H. Belt, Salem, was elected to the convention standing committee.

Deputies to the general convention in San Francisco include the Rev. George H. Swift, Salem. Alternates include the Rev. Neville, Corvallis, and Archdeacon P. H. Smith, Corvallis.

Airplane Gasoline Tax Bill Progresses

SALEM — (P) — A measure to relieve airplane owners from paying excessive gasoline taxes for maintenance of state highways was passed by the House Tuesday and sent to the Senate.

The bill provides that gasoline used exclusively for aircraft shall be taxed only one cent instead of six cents per gallon when sold through a licensed dealer.

SOLDIERS SAVE FAMILIES

FUKUOKA, Japan — (P) — Two U. S. military policemen, Pvt. Gordon Stone and James Baker, Tuesday night saved 21 Japanese families from a fire that destroyed 44 buildings.

The pair discovered the fire on their rounds. While one raced through the homes awakening sleeping families, the other summoned aid. More than 800 firemen were needed to put out the blaze.

Teamsters Start Truck Survey

Alice Bissell and Fred Lowe of the Teamsters Locals No. 57 and 658, emphasized Wednesday that the nationwide, 15-day survey planned by the International Teamsters Union from April 1 to April 15 will not interfere in the slightest degree with the normal flow of truck transportation.

"The Teamster's Union will not stop trucks along the road, nor will any effort be made to tie up vehicles driven by non-union drivers," they said.

"All checking will be done at weighing stations, railroad terminals and other key stopping points," the spokesmen announced. The survey is for the extent of ascertaining the extent of organization. It was called by international officers last week.

Youth Dies with Shot At Russian Roulette

MT. STERLING, Ill. — (P) — Leo Eugene Redmond, 15, died of a .32 caliber bullet wound in the head Tuesday night after he played a solo game of Russian Roulette at school.

Young Redmond was eating with chums in the study hall of St. Mary's Academy, a Catholic high school, when suddenly he pulled out a revolver.

"Let's play big bad Russian," he said.

Then, imitating the game of Russian Roulette, in which one shell is put in a revolver, he spun the revolver cylinder, aimed the barrel at his right temple, and pulled the trigger.

A bullet ripped into his head.

Police Chief Arrested

KLAMATH FALLS — (P) — The former police chief at Merrill is under arrest in Green River, Wyo., on a Klamath County charge of larceny by bailer.

Jack Boyd, 29, is accused in a warrant signed by Mayor F. E. Trotman of Merrill of taking a revolver, box of ammunition, belt and other equipment belonging to the city.

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EVERY diamond has a past—a history, some of which is known to us, but the major part is still a deep mystery. The known history of diamonds goes back something like twenty-five hundred years, although we don't know who picked up the first one or why he was attracted to it for diamonds in the rough have little or no beauty. We do have definite knowledge of the first diamond fields, which existed in India, and it is thought that diamond mining as an industry began sometime between 600 and 800 B.C.

If we had lived centuries ago, you and I could never have owned diamonds. These gems became the property of maharajahs, kings and royalty; and as for the ladies of those times—well, even royal ladies and the ladies of the harem could do no more than gaze upon the diamonds possessed by their lords.

The Koh-i-noor diamond is an example. This is perhaps the world's most famous diamond and certainly the diamond with the longest known history. The word "Koh-i-noor" means "mountain of light," a lovely description for this stone as it appeared in the early days. This diamond was already an important factor in history back in 1304, and if you were to read its stormy story from then until April 3, 1849, you would find that a woman is mentioned only once and then not as wearer or owner of the diamond, but in a rather doubtful connection. This was following the sack- ing of Delhi.

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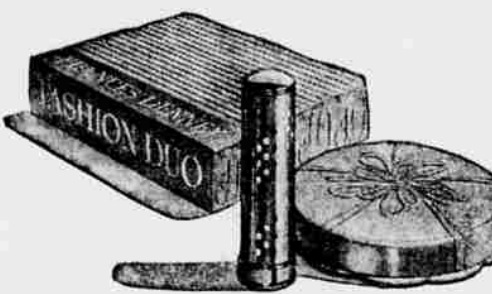
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