

Ellsworth Swings At 'Rule by Crony'

Congressman Harris Ellsworth, in a free swinging address as he made a political speech here Wednesday night, attacked the last six years as the blackest in the country's history since the Civil War, and accused the nation of being out-footed on a variety of subjects ranging from MacArthur to government graft.

The speech was made to members of the Hoo-Hoo club, local government's society, who filled the main dining room of the Osceola Hotel to near capacity.

Some of the controversial topics Ellsworth brought up in a question answer period which followed his speech. "I'm not worried about leading questions," Ellsworth answered one query, "I figured a fellow in my position can't help himself out of these holes should quit. And I welcome the chance to try."

He traced the start of our "six and a half blackest years" to the inauguration of Truman and the Potsdam conference, where Truman and Acheson, "the two hands" met with Stalin, "the old professional." Ellsworth followed following events "a retreat to unopposed Russia."

He predicted Congress will vote to cut expenditures in the next session "and that means the gentlemen on both sides of the aisle."

On current legislation, he landed the extension of UMT and decried price control as "impossible in peace time."

Summarizing world conditions as a whole, he stated that conditions were worse now than before the second world war. "More people are dominated by dictator countries now than there were then," he said. "And the world is divided into three parts: Peoples who are free, those who are not and those who are in danger of being enslaved."

In conclusion, he stated that the U.S. should restore foreign faith in our government, which he claims is sagging. He deplored the Oatis and Vogeler incidents and the inconclusive nature of the Korean war, and called for bombing of Chinese bases, taking our chances with Russian intervention.

"Will Ike run?" started off the question and answer period. Ellsworth said that up to three weeks ago he thought the general would, but that difficulties with his SHAPE army would prevent it now.

He deplored the MacArthur ouster but said that any plan to reinstate him as commanding general in Asia would be unfeasible. "The damage has been done, it would do no good to recant now," he said.

Perhaps his most positive answer was given to the query: "Could Taft win in '52?"

"Yes," came the immediate reply. "Any one of the four or five leading Republican candidates could win. And if they couldn't, it would mean the American people have become so calloused that it wouldn't make any difference. It would mean that the government of our people has really reached a low ebb."

News Briefs



WIND AND RAIN
U.S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity: Rain falling to showers Saturday. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph Friday afternoon and occasionally Friday night. Peak gusts will be about 40 mph. High temperature Saturday, 45; low Saturday morning, 40. Western Oregon, same.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Thursday, 42; low Friday morning, 40; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., Friday, 1.25 inch; total for month, 4.25 inches; normal for month, 4.95 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., Friday, plus 0.4 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., Friday, SW-18; prevailing Thursday, SW-9; barometer and sunset (PST): Thursday, 7:43 a.m., and 4:36 p.m.; Sunday, 7:44 a.m., and 4:18 p.m.

ROAD REPORT
Salem Pass—Snowing lightly; very chains.
Willamette Pass—Packed, sanding; chains not essential.

Aboard the transport A. W. Switzer, scheduled to arrive in San Francisco from the Far East today, are three local Korean veterans. They are Cpl. Michael Sprinkle, Rt. 1, Lebanon, and Pfc. Frank A. Thompson, Westfir.

I SAW many children studying, admiring and enjoying the beautiful Christmas scene, the real meaning of Christmas, in a window at Tenth and Charnelton in Eugene.

Lane County Lookouts have invited the public to listen to the county's Christmas radio program at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Conducted by Rev. Vance H. Webster, the program will be broadcast by station KASH.

Dr. Ruth E. Hopson, associate professor of science in the General Extension Division, will attend the annual meetings of the American Nature Study Society in Philadelphia, Dec. 26 to Dec. 30.

Last Friday night, coming out of the McKenzie Highway by Auburn dam or Lake, I met a school bus. He had his bright lights on; I gave him the blinker two or three times. Did he blink his lights? Oh! no. Why???

The annual Christmas party of the Tween Teen 4-H Club was held on Wednesday, Dec. 19, with a Progressive Dinner Party. Special guest for the evening was Miss Gertrude McKenzie, who had been favorite counselor at Camp since last summer.

Firemen Get Lost
Dense Oregon Fog
BALEM, Ore.—(AP)—It can get pretty foggy in western Oregon this time of year, as volunteer firemen of nearby Silverton can tell you.

They were called to the W. J. Perkins home when a car, caught in the back yard.

Perkins managed to put out the fire after he had called the volunteer department, then ran to the curb to signal the fire fighters. They failed to notice him, and drove half way to Sublimity, 14 miles away, before they realized they were lost.

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HAPPY WORDS—Mrs. Mildred Dean, wife of the long-missing Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, first UN commanding general in Korea, is shown in her Berkeley, Cal. home after receiving word her husband's name was included in list of prisoners submitted by Reds.

Wife Returns, Engineers Eye '52 Contracts

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—(AP)—Actress Barbara Payton returned here from Chicago Thursday night to be met at the airport by her scowling husband, Franchot Tone.

The shapely blonde actress greeted Tone with a cheery "darling," but the polished actor responded only with a terse "hello" and whisked her away in his station wagon.

Miss Payton reportedly went nightclubbing in Chicago with actor Tom Neal, who hammered Tone's face to a pulp shortly before he married the actress in a battle over her affections.

Tone filed suit for divorce to end the seven-week marriage after Miss Payton left their honeymoon apartment in a state of high dudgeon last Nov. 19.

Vincent Price Hospitalized

PORTLAND—(AP)—The show went on without actor Vincent Price here Thursday night.

Producers of the road show, "The Cocktail Party," disclosed that Price was in the Tacoma, Wash., general hospital with a perforated ulcer. His lines were read by Robert Ryan, stage manager, after cast member Reginald Denny explained the situation to the audience at the Mayfair Theater.

Ryan was applauded loudly and the cast received eight curtain calls. Only 83 persons out of 1101 in the audience accepted the management's offer of "your money back if not satisfied."

Search Crews Find Wreckage

WALLA WALLA, Wash.—(AP)—The CAA in Walla Walla said Friday morning that the wreckage of a light plane has apparently been sighted in the Blue Mountains south of Pendleton.

A spokesman said the report had not been confirmed by Air Force officials conducting the search, but that ground crews were attempting to get to the location.

Richard Smith of the CAA here said he had no other details. The plane may be the one missing since Wednesday and carrying Lot, Walla Walla, and two members of his family.

Canteen Dance Friday Night

Members of the junior high school canteen will have a dance Friday night at the Y-Center, the Eugene YMCA reported this week, but the senior high group will not have a dance this Saturday night.

The situation will be reversed next week, when senior high students will have a New Year's Party on Saturday night at the Y-Center. The junior high group will have no dance that weekend.

The Y-Center will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. each day of school vacation so that students may drop in and make use of the facilities. The floor of the auditorium will be refurnished during vacation, but the game rooms, library and other facilities will be available to senior and junior high students.

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Local Men Discuss Traffic With State

Development of four key arterial traffic routes in the Eugene-Springfield area was to be discussed Friday at a meeting of the Oregon state highway commission in Portland.

A delegation of local officials, headed by County Judge Day T. Bayly, planned to attend the session and discuss means of obtaining state and federal aid for these projects:

1. Mohawk Road extension from Mill and Q streets in Springfield to the Ferry Street Bridge.
 2. Pleasant Hill-Jasper to Springfield state secondary highway.
 3. An overhead railroad crossing connecting Blair Blvd. and River Road.
 4. A truck by-pass from 4th to 1st Aves. in Eugene, to connect the Ferry St. Bridge overpass with westbound traffic.
- A letter outlining needs for the these developments was forwarded to the highway commission following a Dec. 4 meeting here in which county, Eugene and Springfield officials worked with representatives of rural districts to agree on priorities for metropolitan area road developments.
- Eugene's City Manager Oren L. King was in the group scheduled to meet the highway commission Friday. He carried with him a letter stating the Eugene city administration's endorsement of the project plans.

Oldtimer Dies In Washington

SPOKANE—(AP)—Herman F. Martin, believed to be Spokane's oldest resident, died Thursday at the age of 106. He was turned down for military service in the Civil War because of ill health.

Martin still had surprising energy after he passed 100 and until two years ago used to take long walks around the neighborhood regularly. He suffered a stroke in November. He would have been 107 next month.

He was born in Decatur, Ill., in 1845, and later moved to Denver where he spent 50 years in the clothing business. He had lived here with a son since 1944.

Yule Spending Shows Slump

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The government reported Friday that Christmas spending in department stores still is below the 1950 level.

Last week's department store sales were four per cent lower than during the same week last year, the Federal Reserve Board said. The week before, sales were one per cent below the same week in 1950.

The board gave no cause for the slump, but merchants have noted that the bitter cold, snow and sleet have discouraged Christmas shoppers.

Yule-Hater Steals Lights

Apparently someone in Eugene is bucking for the title of "meanest one at Christmastide."

City police have had a series of calls in recent days, from parties indignant because lights have been stolen from the strings on their carefully decorated outdoor Christmas trees.

In most instances, the electric Yule baubles have been taken almost from underneath the noses of their proud proprietors. That is, during early evening hours while the houses around them are astir with wakeful people.

She Flunks Test

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—It took Examiner Tullio Scaramucci only one agonizing minute to determine the woman applicant could not handle an automobile. He suggested improvements.

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Just Flustered

OMAHA—(AP)—An Omaha woman called the automobile license bureau well in advance of issuance of 1952 plates to ask for the same number she had last year.

"It's the only one I can remember," she said.

"Just what is your number, ma'am," the clerk asked.

"Well, that's funny, I can't remember."

Look for Seal On Appliances

Selecting electric appliances for Christmas gifts—or any other time—be sure they carry the Underwriters' Laboratories seal of safety.

Larry Carlisle, Eugene electrical inspector, Friday reported that some appliances are being sold here this year without the "U.L." mark that shows they have been approved as safe for sale to the public.

All electrical items, from extension cords to kitchen mixers, carry the U.L. seal if they have been manufactured according to specifications of the nationally recognized testing bureau.

Lowell Hi Singers Entertain at Church

LOWELL—Open Bible Standard Church will be entertained Friday evening, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. by the Lowell High School Chorus. The mixed chorus will sing, "Glory to God in the Highest," "Christmas Hymn," "Virgin Slumber Song," "The Lamb and Jesus Slept," "Carol Noel" and "Carol of the Bells." The Girls' Glee Club will sing, "Christmas Tree" and "Beautiful Savior."

The Young Peoples Group from Oakridge will present a Christmas play Monday, Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Thief Given Suspension

Circuit Court G. F. Skipworth Friday gave Ralph Wayne Hill, 24, of Creswell a three year suspended sentence in view of his previously clean record and his attorney's assurance that the young man had learned his lesson.

Hill had pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny.

"This is the turning point" Skipworth charged the young man. "You can take the crooked path or the straight one. I hope you have learned your lesson. I think the Christmas spirit should move us to some leniency. I hope you won't violate my trust in you. I don't want to see you in here again on any charge."

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