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Battle for 'Freedom of the Phones'

Bonfires have blazed and the old "Spirit of '76" is flaming on the University of Oregon campus against that great octopus, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. Pay stations have been put into all dorms and frat houses on the campus, and it costs a dime to "make a date". Not since the Boston Tea Party has there been such indignation. The State Board in all its majesty has met and pondered.

(Seems like the same indignity has been perpetrated on the Oregon State campus, requiring "unified policy"—only they're much more discreet or something in the Holy City and have lit no bonfires, burned no phone company magnates in effigy over there. Louis Eade, the local manager says he hopes they'll pick out "a good lookin' dummy" to burn.)

There are, of course, two sides to every story. On behalf of his company, Mr. Eade avers:

Houses may still obtain a business phone—for use by house managers, house mothers and employees for house business purposes—and for actual campus business, if properly controlled.

PUC orders requiring pay phones go back many years, and the company is only now catching up with installations; meantime rate has been raised from a nickel to a dime.

Compromise is offered—if the University will let the houses be hooked in on extensions of the University exchange—which would cost each house about \$3.50 to \$4 per month, plus possibly a small monthly service charge to cover the cost of an additional night operator on the University exchange. On these extensions, students could make all campus calls, for business or social purposes, without paying tolls. Board approvals and standard practice for all campuses seems to be necessary.

Some house managers, says Eade, have welcomed the toll phones because they eliminate the troubles of collecting for long distance calls (to Paw or Maw or the gal in LA or whatnot). It has often been difficult for house managers to collect such bills.

On the campus, the warcy is "We Want Free Phones." It would be more accurate to say that the students are demanding "Freedom of the Phones"—which is quite a bit different from free phone service. In their houses and dormitories they are asking for the

Problems of Willamalane Park District

Although the margin was only nine votes (602 to 593), the proposed \$85,000 bond issue for Springfield's Willamalane Park District cannot be considered "a dead duck." It was the second defeat for the issue. Although only 1195 people out of a possible 6000 voted, so many were turned away because of congestion that the city council is spearheading a petition for a third election. The Park Board tried to set up additional polling facilities to handle the rush but were advised it might be illegal. For a third election surely this difficulty can be overcome. Meantime, the park board faces some difficult alternatives.

1. Included in the \$85,000 bond issue were approximately \$64,500 of contracted debts—balance of \$48,054.32 including contractors on the swimming pool, plus advances taken out of operating funds for the community center project at the Veterans Memorial Building—and these payments will be difficult to defer.

2. Payment of these debts will absorb all and more than can be raised by the present 4.1 mill levy on the present district valuation of \$12,260,304—approximately \$50,000 a year—although increased valuations might produce \$64,500 without increased levies.

3. In addition to the \$64,500 which must

When You Get That Little Ranch

Some of the older Eugenians may remember Leon Sperry, who managed the branch which Sherman Clay used to maintain here about 25 years ago. Mr. Sperry has written a book, "Bag and Baggage," which is published by Chapman & Grimes, of Los Angeles. It is all about what happens to those who achieve that dream of retiring to a little ranch in Southern California.

This is not the great American novel; nor does it have quite the flair (sex appeal) of Betty MacDonald's "The Egg and I," but it is an amusing tale of the adventures of two healthy people in "El Dorado."

An explorer says it's safer in the jungle than in the big city. Wild things don't attack at 75 miles per hour.

Go to the law with your troubles, advises a judge. But not to in-laws.

Butchers in Florida held a golf tournament—and nobody kicked about their slices.

Why is it that the best advice is usually the kind most people don't like?

Marquis Childs

Judicial Process Being Weakened

WASHINGTON — One of the triumphs in man's long struggle to live with freedom has been the achievement of justice based on a fair trial. In our day under the onslaught of totalitarianism we have seen this achievement perilously undermined.



The whole elaborate loyalty program in the federal government was intended to screen out the danger of subversion. Under the continuing blows of political attack it has come to supersede the processes of law and, in effect, its publicized findings tend to be sentences of excommunication from society itself—the carrying out of a cold purge not unlike in its consequences the purges of a Communist state.

This is not the intention of the conscientious men trying to make the program both effective and fair. Yet it is the end result, as is illustrated in the case of John S. Service.

THE TOP LOYALTY review board of the Civil Service Commission, of which former Senator Hiram Bingham is chairman, found Service to be disloyal not to the government of the United States but to the Department of State in which he was one of the ablest experts on the Far East. This finding was reached under the "reasonable doubt" interpretation which President Truman, at the prompting of Chairman Bingham, recently added to the loyalty rules. With this finding, the State Department concluded that the dismissal of Service was mandatory.

At the end of the hearings into the Service case, Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) revealed on the floor of the Senate that he had an informant planted somewhere inside the board. McCarthy repeated secret information furnished him by this spy.

How profoundly shocking this is the circumstances make clear. The McCarthy spy had access to confidential files of the board. In those files was a lengthy transcript of a discussion within the board. During that discussion Chairman Bingham expressed his doubt as to the effectiveness of the State Department's own loyalty board, pointing out that no employee had been dismissed on loyalty grounds from the department, although in other departments from 6 to 14 per cent of those under scrutiny were dismissed. Of the 2 million or more federal employees only 14,000 have become involved in loyalty procedures.

When excerpts from this discussion were read by McCarthy, the board started an investigation. The spy was asked if he had taken the transcript from the files. Three times he denied it. But the FBI had found fingerprints on the document and they proved to be undeniably those of the McCarthy agent. Presumably, he will be dismissed and, one assumes, for disloyalty.

HOW THOROUGHLY Un-American this kind of Byzantine intrigue is, it is hardly necessary to point out. Since the processes of the loyalty program have become equivalent, in this and other instances, to the finding and the sentencing of a court of law, it is as though the private discussion of the jury had been smuggled out to the prosecutor. That is, of course, contrary to the basic safeguards of a fair trial.

No one who has not carefully examined the records in the Service case can pass any judgment. But it is obvious that errors have been made, including publication by the State Department of the findings of the review board which, according to Chairman Bingham, violated a fundamental provision of secrecy.

Moreover, certain facts do put this case in a conspicuous light. In the State Department, among career officials above suspicion, there is a widely held conviction that Service has been found guilty for acts that were justifiable and even proper in the framework of five or six years ago, but that have a different look today when the break with Communism has become all but complete. The effect has been to depress the already low morale of the department still lower, with the consequence that officers in the field will now be more cautious than ever in reporting facts that might look wrong if they came to light in a congressional inquiry.

AT THE VERY LEAST, it seems to me, the Service case should be heard in the courts where the safeguards of a fair trial are still preserved. Service has had as counsel an able and conservative law firm that has acted, as have other firms, largely out of a sense of public obligation. But to carry a case to the Supreme Court costs several thousand dollars for briefs and records quite apart from legal fees.

Chairman Bingham seems to have done everything in his power to insure a fair hearing, going so far as to draft three reputable New York lawyers to sit as a panel on the case. But far more is involved here than the fate of any individual. It is the danger of the corruption of the processes of justice that have already been undermined. Not one of us dares to ignore that danger.

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SO THEY SAY—

I wish the United States and Canada have the feeling that we here are determined and able to put our house in order. . . . British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The Shepherd

GENERAL IRA EAKER
 "Not every one that saith, but he that doeth." Matt. 7:21

Not Boast nor Brag but Action tells . . . Too many folks are ringing bells . . . To show the world how they will get . . . The world with fence around it yet . . . When Eaker with out Bomber Command . . . Arrived in England he took the stand . . . We won't talk till we do some fighting . . . For deeds speak louder than talk or writing . . . Results are better than flocks and herds . . . Be long on action, short on words.

JULIEN C. HYER

Sitter Debates Asking Her Boy Friends In



Kimball Blasts Harping Critics

MILWAUKEE — (AP) — Secretary of Navy Dan. A. Kimball, struck sharply at inefficient government employees and harping civilians Wednesday night and also said the Navy would carry the war to the enemy if there is no truce in Korea.

He delivered his strongly worded speech to a meeting of the local Navy League Council and the Milwaukee Executive Club after laying aside his prepared text.

REFERRING TO MEN in government, Kimball declared "If they don't deliver the goods, let them get to hell out of office."

As for critical civilians, he said: "If you're not willing to come down and show us how to do it better, don't sit at home and criticize."

The Navy secretary did not mention any names.

"IF—GOD FORBID—we do not have a truce in Korea the Navy will carry the war to the enemy," Kimball warned.

"We're not going to fight the next war in the United States. We are going to fight it somewhere else and it'll be up to the Navy to take the Army, the Air Force and the Marines to their new positions, and it'll be the Navy which supplies them with what they need to do their jobs."

No reason was given for Kimball's departure from his prepared text which was distributed in advance of his appearance.

Farm Controls Hit by Official

PORTLAND — (AP) — The government is fostering inflation by its farm and price controls, the president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation said here Wednesday.

President Marshall Swearingin, Salem, told the Multnomah County chapter of the Oregon Republican Club that the Farm Bureau wanted to stop all non-essential government spending.

He included soil conservation payments in this category and called the payments "political hush-money paid to a farmer for something he'd do anyhow if he was left alone—operate his farm."

"There is no such thing as a federal grant. The government just collects the money. Then it takes a 20 to 30 per cent cut in Washington and sends the remainder back—with controls," he said.

Hurricane Hits Greece

ATHENS, Greece — (AP) — A hurricane and cloudburst collapsed 40 houses, damaged 200 others, injured five persons and sank six motorboats Thursday at Paleoukia and Dervenakia, near Piraeus.

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Americans Have False Belief U.S. Jet Planes Are Superior

By GEORGE GALLUP
 Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N.J. — The popular belief that America produces the "best" of everything is so strong that the majority of U.S. adults even say we have the best jet planes, despite a recent statement by the head of our own Air Force that the Russian jet is in many respects superior.

A majority of the American public also is convinced that our tanks are far superior to any other country's, although military authorities seem to have some doubt about this.

Throughout the nation, field interviewers for the Institute questioned a scientifically-selected cross-section of the population on the following:

"From what you have heard or read, do you think the United States now has the world's best jet planes, or not?"

Here is the vote:

Yes	53%
No	29%
No opinion	18%

100%

Although observers may consider this vote a laudable expression of public faith in our own strength, Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, had much less complimentary things to say about our jets at a press conference in Washington on Nov. 21, 1951.

Referring to the Russian MIG jets used in Korea, he declared:

"The MIG airplane . . . is a superior fighter. In many respects it can outperform our own F-86—the only airplane in production today capable of challenging the MIG on approximately even terms. The MIG is a lighter and faster airplane of somewhat shorter range. It has outclimbed the best airplanes that have been tested against it . . ."

"The high quality of the MIG alone should prove a timely warning to all of us that the Soviet technicians have mastered the design and production problems of extremely high-speed aircraft to a degree which equals and in some respects exceeds all that we are able to demonstrate in warfare at the present time."

Today's survey was conducted in December approximately two weeks after General Vandenberg made his statement.

Last week a flying colonel in Korea declared that American jet pilots "need more and better planes" to keep up with the Red Air Force.

"The enemy has a better airplane and far more than we have," the colonel said.

In general persons with the most education tend to be the least

complacent about the superiority of American jets.

Adults who have had a college education are closely divided in their opinions about the performance of our planes. Here is the vote by education levels:

U.S. HAS the world's best jets?	Col. High Grade	High School	Below High School
Yes	42%	52%	57%
No	45%	32%	22%
No opinion	13%	16%	21%

100% 100% 100%

All persons who said that they do NOT have the world's best jets were asked, "Who has?"

More than four out of every five said Russia has, with England mentioned next.

U.S. TANKS the best?

On the question of who has the best tanks, popular opinion is even more one-sided than on the question of jets.

"How about military tanks—do you think the United States now has the world's best tanks, or not?"

Yes	55%
No	13%
No opinion	32%

100%

Among military authorities, on the other hand, there is far from complete agreement that our tanks are the best.

Some declare that the big Russian tanks are superior to our own, particularly the huge 37-ton Josef Stalin tanks.

However, a new mammoth American tank, the T-43, designed to meet the challenge of the big Russian tanks, is about to go into production.

Baldock Elected

SALEM — (AP) — State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock has been elected chairman of the Highway Research Board, he said Friday.

The board is a division of the National Academy of Sciences.

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Solons Probe Pulp Ceiling

Timing Subject Of Criticism

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The state congressmen tested the timing of the Price Stabilization Act by putting price ceilings on wood.

The ceilings, setting prices of \$10 to \$20 a cord, took effect Dec. 31. This was right in the season after contractors had been made on the pre-ceiling costs, said (R-Mich) said at a news office Wednesday.

Rep. Bennett (R-Mich) said the ceilings "hundreds of small operators in my district are being ruined by this situation."

Rep. Blatnik (D-Mich) and O'Keefe (R-Mich) and Oliver (D-Mich) similar complaints at a news conference Wednesday.

They are C. O. Brown, the Forest Products Institute, Vincent Martin, his Brown agreed the plan was "untimely."

At Bennett's suggestion he would recommend order be amended, would not take effect until the beginning of a new season.

However, he said the forecast what the superiors in OPS might ward his recommendation their conferences on the plan.

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