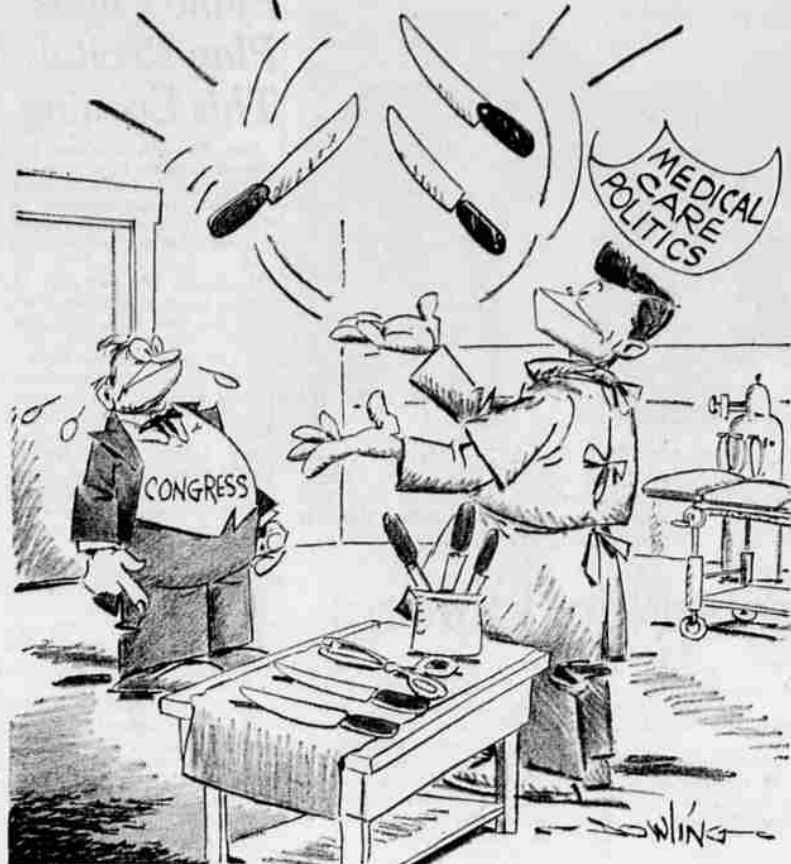


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Homework for Congress On Scholarship Problem

WASHINGTON (NEA)—The tough nut to crack in aid to higher education legislation now before Congress is whether there shall be federal scholarships for gifted but needy students.

House action in agreeing to let its Education and Labor Committee negotiate with Senate conferees on this issue finally clears the way for some kind of compromise after a three-months' stall by the House Rules Committee.

The House passed a college aid bill Jan. 30. It left out scholarships but it provides \$900 million in grants and \$600 million in loans for construction of college buildings other than dormitories, which have already received \$1.6 billion in federal aid in the last 11 years.

The Senate passed a higher education bill on Feb. 6, with \$1.5 billion made available in construction loans for classrooms, laboratories and libraries over a five-year period. Another \$250 million in matching grants would go to the states for junior colleges.

\$924 million made available for 212,000 scholarships to high school graduates who might otherwise not be able to go to college at all.

The maximum grant would be \$1,000 a year for five years to gifted students if they are unable to finance their higher education from family or other private sources.

These scholarships would supplement the \$388 million in federal loans which have been made to over 160,000 college students since 1959, the average loan being \$540 a year.

The average cost of higher education is now about \$1,750 a year and is going up. This is why President Kennedy advocated the scholarship program.

Statistics on scholarships now available aren't very good, but they indicate that there aren't enough to fill the need. It is estimated that from 160,000 to 200,000 high school graduates who have the mental equipment to go to college but—

A Welcome Analysis of the New Kremlin

Since Catherine the Great's time, and maybe even before that, "figuring out the Russians" has been a problem that Western minds have found taxing.

The new look in Russian politics is discussed in the June Atlantic by Edward Crankshaw, a Russian expert, who writes on "Dissension Inside the Kremlin."

Khrushchev is boss in Russia. No doubt about that. But he differs from Stalin in a most important respect. He is boss by permission of other bosses.

For all that Stalin and Catherine the Great had their problems, those problems weren't so readily apparent to the outside world.

China. Is Khrushchev right in having pushed the quarrel with China this far? If he is right, would he be right to push it to its logical conclusion, an open break?

Other matters of war and peace. Notable are the German problem, the problem of nuclear testing, and (strange as it sounds here) "the American problem."

Production. Heavy industry or consumer goods?

Food. How can Russia modernize its inadequate agricultural plant?

These are not the questions that go around and around in Khrushchev's mind, without any help from the outside. These are the questions that other Russian leaders are talking about.

Not that the Russians have a democracy, or anything like it. What they do have is an increasingly articulate oligarchy.

His analysis of this development is hopeful. This ferment, limited as it is by our standards, leads to "indecisiveness and drift, and in switches in line, not to be regarded as deliberate and calculated acts of policy, but rather as temporizing expedients."

The author asserts that the West should welcome these changes. We agree. Traditionally, free governments have been at a terrible disadvantage in dealing with dictatorships.

In the Editor's Mailbag

Critical

EUGENE (To the Editor)—We have one newspaper in Eugene and this places a greater responsibility on you for this reason. In your masthead you say: "On this page, (the editorial page) the editors of the Register-Guard offer their opinions on events of the day and matters of importance to the community, endeavoring to be candid but fair and helpful in the development of constructive community policy."

For the primary election just held you listed on May 10 your choice of candidates and advised your readers of those that should be "eliminated." But this was not enough.

It is most unfortunate that Eugene does not have a newspaper which would treat every citizen as though he had the intelligence to think for himself!

DOROTHY TICKNOR 2330 Riverview St.

Adrenalin Needed

SPRINGFIELD (To the Editor)—I am very pleased concerning the excellent coverage you gave in relation to the Bloomberg dump burnings.

I deeply appreciate the act of gallantry that you have shown in upholding this one law of ours which is indeed for our protection, being ("burning of refuse unlawful within six miles of any city of forty-five thousand or more persons.")

Why don't you give your subscribers and the people of Oregon a little support concerning the value of their votes in the DST issue? Our votes have dropped so in importance.

ART KOCH, 820 Durris St.

Speak Out

SALEM (To the Editor)—Recently you had an editorial about Dr. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon.

It has always seemed to me that if a man does not have courage enough to express his private convictions, he can hardly have force enough to exercise real leadership.

LAURA TABER Box 211

One Standard

FLORENCE (To the Editor)—Why the double standard in reporting news? I have searched in vain for further word about the murder of the young college student in San Diego on April 1.

JUNELLE V. FLEMING 825 W. 6th Ave.

Taxes

EUGENE (To the Editor)—I recently heard about this new tax proposal calling for a 20 per cent withholding on interest and dividends from savings accounts and stocks and to me it was the straw that broke the camel's back.

The two things I know for

Washington Notebook

YOU Guess Top Capital Tourist Lure

By WASHINGTON STAFF Newspaper Enterprise Assn. WASHINGTON (NEA)—What is the most popular tourist attraction in Washington? You'd never guess it.

Washington Monument, 12,000; White House, 20,000; National Gallery of Art, 26,000; Capitol, 30,000; and Smithsonian Institution, 221,000.

REAR ADM. Kenneth L. Veth, in charge of mine laying and mine sweeping in the Pacific Fleet's domain, ordinarily doesn't receive a great deal of mail from the public.

FIVEFOOT SIXINCH Senator John Tower, R-Tex., told a meeting of the Dutch Treat Club in New York that a friendly Texas newspaper with a circulation "as small as I am"

The Calm Life

Portland author Stewart Holbrook, founder, patron saint and moving force of the James G. Blaine Society, ought to know about the sturdy residents of Marin County, across the Golden Gate from San Francisco.

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Nest Fouled

The Billie Sol Estes business smells worse all the time. The most curious thing about it is the shortsightedness of the administration.

The Estes case, without its political overtones, would be just the case of another ambitious and unscrupulous operator who wanted to get rich too fast.

What makes the case so interesting, however, is the apparent involvement of numerous federal officials who were friends of Estes.

Ferries are passing from the scene. Bridge after bridge is going in to accommodate a volume of traffic that the ferries couldn't cope with.

As yet, there is nothing to suggest, as some have tried to suggest, that the Estes case is the Teapot Dome scandal of our time.

Advertising

The state of Maine, like Oregon, is a big tourist state. And, like Oregon, it welcomes its tourists, even though the natives might grumble that the old state ain't what she used to be.

Each weekend two foreign correspondents and their wives are invited to visit Maine. A state plane picks them up in New York, flies them to Maine and returns them late Sunday.

Oregon is too far away from New York and Washington for that sort of thing. But the Maine example does show imagination on the part of a state where tourism is a major industry.

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Carmichael

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Insurance

EUGENE (To the Editor)—To hear and read, via all communications, the pitchmen hammering at the public: "One person every seven minutes gets TB... hundreds of thousands of Americans have M. D. M. S. C. P. cancer, heart disease, polio, diabetes" and more too numerous to mention here.

Who is pushing this campaign to undermine our belief that we are a healthy nation of people?

For one, the dawn is breaking. Phone calls advertising medical insurance, junk mail full of medical insurance ads, if there is that much profit in it, no wonder the government bureaucrats want in, via the "medical" bills in the Congress now.

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