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Shotgun Federal Aid Not Required

If President Kennedy's federal aid to education program is adopted as proposed, Oregon will receive about \$3.8 million to assist with the construction of elementary and secondary school buildings, the meeting of teachers' salaries and the financing of projects intended to improve instruction.

Not meaning to seem at all insensitive to needs for new schools, well-paid teachers and constantly improving educational methods, and, not meaning to seem ungrateful that President Kennedy should recommend federal assistance with what is one of our most critical public problems—the proper education of our youth—we still must ask: Why should Oregon receive anything from the federal treasury for elementary and secondary schools?

The President's proposal calls for the distribution of federal aid on the basis of population and relative need, as indicated by per capita income. Oregon is not a poor state. So why doesn't the President confine his good intentions to states which really are poor, too poor to meet their own school financing problems? Why should federal taxes be collected from above-average-income states, such as Oregon, and then returned to them as federal "assistance"?

At least at pre-college levels, federal aid for education should not be a something-for-everyone program. It should, instead, be directly aimed at states financially unable to cope with school needs. The national interest demands that education be improved. But, in states capable of maintaining good schools on their own, the President's plan would serve only to require collection of additional federal taxes to provide for the reimbursement of these states with subsidies they didn't need in the first place. Either that, or it would become an invitation to states, rich or poor, to dodge their own responsibilities and rely increasingly upon federal aid.

To accomplish its prime objective,

Take Alarm

Every American with a friend or relative in the armed forces would do well to pick up the Feb. 2 Saturday Evening Post. It contains the most detailed story yet available on the arrest and persecution of Airman Gerald Anderson over at Mountain Home, Idaho. In "Innocent's Grim Ordeal," James R. Phelan tells, step by step, just what happened.

Some wonderment has been expressed about the "confessions" extracted during the notorious purge trials in Moscow and about the "confessions" extracted by the Red Chinese at the time of the Korean War. There need be no further wonderment. It's all explained in this article about the Office of Special Investigations, this country's own GPU and NKVD. The agents lied, broke their word, applied everything but the Chinese water torture to wring a "confession" from somebody, wherever was handy. When overwhelming evidence pointed to a tragic mistake, OSI men violated a cardinal ethical rule, honored by all decent policemen and prosecutors: free the innocent.

If Mr. Phelan's article holds up, and all the evidence is that it does, some heads ought to roll—in the OSI and in the Air Force, which permitted an American citizen to undergo the sort of thing we find so loathsome in Red China and the Soviet Union.

Odd Man Out

Howard Morgan, the stormy petrel of Oregon Democratic politics, has asked President Kennedy not to reappoint him to the Federal Power Commission. He has not been getting along with the other members, all of whom are also Kennedy appointees. He says they're too easy on the big utility companies.

Those who know Mr. Morgan will not be surprised that he doesn't find FPC service quite his dish of tea. The FPC is a quasi-judicial body and Mr. Morgan is not a judicial, even a quasi-judicial,

federal aid to education should be based upon requirements that states do for themselves as much as they practically can before they receive help from Uncle Sam. Unless they are so compelled, some states could sit back, take the federal dole and continue operating substandard school systems. This would mock the entire purpose of the federal plan.

Federal aid to education could assist states in genuine need, and, at the same time, prod laggard states—sometimes with the carrot-on-the-stick technique, sometimes by demonstrating the benefits of diligent educational efforts in other states and literally shaming the laggards before the rest of the nation. Considering the great importance of education, Congress might even see fit to require that states match basic school standards, on their own or with prudent federal assistance, before they could qualify for other federal favors, i.e., public works, government contracts, etc.

Comment from Washington, D.C., already indicates that the issue of whether federal assistance should go to parochial schools as well as public schools may again block any action on proposals for pre-college educational assistance. This would be regrettable, to say the very least. There is pressing need for aid to colleges and college students; and there is pressing need for federal help in upgrading pre-college and vocational educational systems in many of our states. As long as it is probably unconstitutional for the federal government to provide financial assistance to church-operated or other private schools, efforts should be centered on accomplishing what is constitutionally possible and, in the perspective of national interest, critically necessary.

Congress needs now to zero in its sights on the bullseye, not be distracted by movements off the main target, and not yield to the temptation to use a shotgun where sharpshooting is required.

type. He's a born advocate, scrapper, and rough-and-tumble fighter.

His considerable abilities, and they are considerable, are best exercised from the outside, when he is doing one of his masterful jobs of giving an insider a hard time.

Grandstanding

All the grandstanding isn't done on the playing fields. Some is done in legislative halls, even when it has to do with playing fields. Such is the case in Salem, where a bill has been introduced to forbid Oregon's public universities from playing ball games with the University of Mississippi or with any school that does play Ole Miss. The reason for the bill, obviously, is the Meredith business.

Football schedules are arranged a good six years ahead of time. Neither Oregon nor Oregon State has Ole Miss on the list. But they do have on their lists some schools that likely will play Mississippi.

Six years from now the University of Mississippi may have undergone quite a change. Would it be fair to anybody to refuse to play the schools then? And whose athletic program would be hurt if Oregon schools were to refuse to play schools that play Mississippi?

It is not Oregon's role to punish Ole Miss, if Oregon's refusal to play one of the nation's top football schools could be termed punishment. Furthermore, the University of Mississippi doesn't need punishment. It needs help, help in reorienting itself to the conditions of a changed and changing world.

The Oregon Legislature, we are confident, will decide it has more important matters before it, matters that are Oregon's business.

Reminder

If you feed the birds now, they'll eat your bugs all summer.

Cites Mileage

EUGENE (To the Editor)—Everyone has read and discussed the high school boundary issue and is probably sick of hearing about it. Those living in the right areas seem to have no conception of the problem we are facing in the Bailey Hill area.

Now let us get down to the basic fact of mileage. From Bailey Hill School to South it is approximately seven miles round trip as compared to approximately 14½ miles to North. As you can see, this becomes ridiculous as far as our students taking part in any extra-curricular activities. We would actually be driving a total of approximately 28 miles which includes two round trips of taking and picking up the students.

Therefore, I feel those living closer to North should go there, not our pupils.

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Principle

EUGENE (To the Editor)—The principle involved in this matter of boundary changes is whether the school administration has the right to move children who are riding buses to any school without reference to proximity. It is not just a matter of North High, South High or Sheldon. If they are successful in transferring children in high school just because they ride buses, elementary school children could also be moved.

In the Bailey Hill district all senior high students, all junior high students, and 87 per cent of the elementary students ride buses, so this is a serious matter. Property values could be affected seriously.

It is surely to be hoped that the school board will refuse to support this policy.

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Blames Unions

EUGENE (To the Editor)—Labor official Frank Fellows, President of the Maritime Trades Dept. of the Oregon AFL-CIO, has labeled Sen. Maurine Neuberger, D-Ore., a traitor to labor because she introduced legislation to permit foreign flag ships to haul lumber between certain ports. This indeed seems to be a case of the frying pan calling the kettle black. The labor movement in the United States today is the traitor, a betrayer of the laboring people and an ever-growing menace to the economic stability of the American dollar. Their ever-increasing demands for higher, and still higher wages, more and greater fringe benefits, and now shorter work weeks without any decrease in pay. The man past 40 most often walks the streets because he is considered a bad risk and an insurance liability for the employer forced into pension plans and old age benefits.

There are many ways one might earn wages and have less than expected to show for them; and one is to earn wages so high that they of themselves reduce the wage-earner's income. Paradoxical as it may seem, this sequence of events is happening in our country. It is only a matter of simple arithmetic to realize this situation. If more and more industries are forced to close their doors because of the extortionate demands of the union, and still more move their industry to other countries, then indeed the laboring people of this country suffer. When we can no longer compete with foreign trade then

we as a nation digress. Our people walk the streets, drawing unemployment, and on unto relief rolls and we become a welfare state no better than the communists of Russia.

A very good and ever-increasing example of labor unions' betrayal of their own people stands in a recent article to the effect that the United States Navy recently bought steel to build three new ships; the steel was purchased from Germany at 30 per cent below what we could furnish it here at home.

Caught between the push of labor demands from beneath and the burden of government taxation and regulation from above, the corporate profit margin has been squeezed until expenditures on new plants and equipment have lagged. Consequently unemployment has vexed our government even in the best years of the recent past.

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'Taxed to Death'

COTTAGE GROVE (To the Editor)—After reading "Reform Linked to Lower Scales," I wonder how many can see the clever deal, for the New Frontier. Well, that frontier has been here since the famed New Deal.

Our No. 1 servant in Washington isn't lowering taxes, he's just spreading out in a new way to get more. The only ones who will benefit are the ones who do not own anything.

Our property tax is enormous already. Everything is taxed beyond reason. There is land, personal property, stocks and bonds, interest, corporation and inheritance tax. We're taxed to death, and after death the government acts like a big vulture.

The unions are the next leeches. They have sucked the life blood from industry and forced many to move to foreign lands to survive. Now where are they going to get blood money?

When labor tells management how to manage, they are killing

David Lawrence

Proposed Tax Cut Just Drop in Bucket

WASHINGTON—There are 42 million taxpayers who earn from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. How are they going to feel when they learn that the administration's proposed "tax cut" would mean an average saving of about \$1.56 a week during the next three years for a married couple with two children? A couple without children would not really fare any better. This could turn out to be a political boomerang if the President's three-year program isn't materially changed.

For, based on a calculation made in an Associated Press dispatch, the total savings on taxes during the next three years for individuals in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 category are to be surprisingly small. Stanley Meisler, who wrote the AP article, took as a typical example a married couple, one of whom earned \$5,000 a year and the other \$2,500, so that their combined income amounted to \$7,500 a year. He figured the exemptions for two children and estimated the usual deductions for normal expenses. He concluded that for each of the next three years, beginning with 1963, there would be a \$46 reduction in taxes, followed by \$28 more for each of two years, plus a \$50 reduction for the third year, or a total of \$244 saved in three years. This is an average saving of \$81.33 for each year. It amounts to \$1.56 a week or 78 cents each for the man and his wife.

But, unhappily, they can't keep that sum. Social Security taxes aren't deductible and, of course, were not included in the Associated Press tabulation. A new Social Security tax, moreover, has just gone into effect amounting to \$24 a year, so it brings down the combined saving from \$81.33 to \$57.33 a year. This means in reality \$1.10 a week for a couple, or only 55 cents a week for each of them, in tax savings.

This isn't all either, because the Associated Press article figured state and local taxes at \$500—the level of 1962—and this item is scheduled to go up by a total of about \$195 for the three years beginning in 1963. While there is a tax deduction for a part of this increase, it is conceivable that for this couple the whole saving on the President's tax plan may come close to being wiped out altogether.

Without Arguing Case
Unfortunately, with larger and larger deficits in the Federal Treasury, the purchasing power of the dollar tends to become less and less, while prices tend to rise. It wouldn't take much of an increase in cost of living for the entire weekly savings in taxes for many taxpayers in several of the income tax brackets to disappear by the time 1965 rolls around.

The Associated Press gave its statistical information to its newspapers from coast to coast last Saturday without arguing the case one way or the other. Millions of taxpayers will themselves do some figuring and, for the next several months, members of Congress will doubtless be hearing from their many constituents in most of these tax brackets that the proposed cut is a piddling one. Indeed, some voters may come to the conclusion that maybe it would be better for the administration to let the tax rates and tax rules alone and try to instill the necessary confidence for a business revival. The dictatorial behavior of the labor-union monopoly, for instance, is being ignored by the administration and Congress. It seems inevitable that acceptance of demands for higher wages will be compelled by strikes or threats of strikes in the next two or three years because the tax cut will appear to be inadequate.

the goose that lays the golden egg, and the U.S.A. has really been killing geese.

We can't be a free nation of states, when labor and the federal government hold the only monopolies in our nation, backed up by the Supreme Court.

We are being forced into a dole system, for we can't save for our old age, because our government is taking our money and giving it away to foreign nations like a good-time Charlie. Did anyone ever buy a friend? Even the Lord said not to cast your pearls before swine, and from the papers, they are even eating each other in Africa.

Doesn't every tub stand on its own bottom? Isn't our first concern for our nation and its people? How long could communism stand if we would stop feeding and building them up?

The Bible says the world will get weaker and wiser. Well, let's get wiser before we get any weaker.

As the saying goes, "A fool and his money are soon parted," so if what we have in Washington is an example of education, we've certainly educated our fools, and we are the bigger ones, who permit them to stay there as our servants. They are not the masters, but the servants, and is the servant greater than the master?

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To Halt Offenses

EUGENE (To the Editor)—Your Mailbag section has been crammed with pro-cons on sex and dope legislation lately. This last week some six bills are offered in this '63 Legislature on this vital question. None have any teeth in them to put the fear of God into those people. A simple bill calling for "sterilization and life imprisonment with no pardon" would stop some of them. I wrote a short, plain-reading bill for adoption in 1958 for stopping the dope traffic in Oregon. It was worded, "10 years and \$10,000 fine for the

first conviction, and the death penalty for the second conviction." As everyone knows, it was dropped, and our children are still wide open to those rats. A few years back there was an old-fashioned necktie party once in a while that put the fear of God into those rats, and our children were much safer than today.

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Liked Editorials

EUGENE (To the Editor)—I want to commend you on your fine editorial in the Jan. 17 issue of the Register-Guard, regarding that "brawl" in Washington, D. C. which was sponsored by Sen. Vance Hartke of Indiana, and for your support of Sen. Wayne Morse in his attempt to stop the serving of alcoholic beverages in the public rooms of the Capitol and Senate office buildings where receptions are frequently held.

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Not Impressed

CHESHIRE (To the Editor)—An artist, a critic, a collector and an art judge evidently have some things in common, and me being none of these mentioned above leaves me at a loss as to what that thing or those things are.

However, I would like to express my opinion on the picture labeled "West Virginia Moon" that was displayed along with a write-up in the Register-Guard, Jan. 27, 1963.

If this painting was the best offered, I feel that in all due respect for the state of West Virginia and the art exhibit, and art exhibits in general, that the exhibit this painting was a part of be publicly declared a failure.

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Peter Edson

Bay of Pigs Probe Would Be Vapid

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Republicans on both sides of the Capitol, clamoring for an investigation of the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba two

years ago, might well take a leaf from the book of their late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. He had a rule on operations policy which went something like this, though it was never recorded on tape or put down on paper in quotation marks:

Don't bother about the details of what went wrong yesterday. If mistakes were made, learn what you can from them for future guidance. But yesterday's mistakes are part of the situation as it exists today. That's what we have to concentrate on, to decide what we're going to do about it tomorrow. Don't spend too much time looking backward or rehashing yesterday's battles. Keep your eyes on what's ahead.

The common sense of this approach might have some moral value in it for the Democrats, too. What stirred up this furor as much as anything else was Atty. Gen. Robert E. Kennedy's interview denying there had been any promise of U.S. air support for the Cuban invasion fiasco.

Few Takers in 2 Years

President Kennedy now confirms no U.S. air cover was planned. If there had been U.S. air cover, says the President, it might as well have been an American invasion.

Sen. Wayne Morse's Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Latin America investigated all this soon after it happened. He has been offering his colleagues a look at his closed hearings record of two years ago, but he has had few takers.

But even if the attorney general had not reopened this old sore, the Cuban controversy might have been revived by New York GOP Sen. Kenneth B. Keating. He insists that Russia is continuing its military buildup on the island, though the missiles and the jet aircraft have been removed.

Not on Past Mistakes

The President in his last press conference tried to give reassurance that this situation was under constant surveillance. He says that only one Soviet supply ship has arrived in Cuba since the withdrawal of offensive weapons. It may have brought arms. The President also admits that there are still 16,000 to 17,000 Russians in Cuba.

This is of course a legitimate subject for investigation. It is focused on what might happen next, not on past mistakes.

Senator Morse again moved quickly into this situation, calling Secretary of State Dean Rusk and CIA officials to testify in closed hearings. This may head off further washing of dirty American linen in public, but probably not.

To see the Senate or House or both of them in a joint committee investigation of what went on two years ago might be just another exercise in futility.

Political Motivation

It recalls the Pearl Harbor investigation of 1947 which ran for seven months, and the Senate investigation of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's dismissal by President Truman, which ran for four months in 1951. The latter ended with only a minority report signed by eight Republicans, the majority voting not to issue any formal findings.

There was political motivations in these investigations, just as there is in today's pressure for dredging the mud from the Bay of Pigs once more. It is hard to see how this will contribute anything to getting Castro and communism out of Cuba, which is the major objective ahead.

Political observers also wonder what the Republicans can gain from it. The probe would be all over and forgotten long before the 1964 elections. It is also recalled that former Sen. Homer Capehart, R-Ind., tried to make Cuba the big issue in his campaign for re-election. He was defeated.

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"Out, Americans saved us in World War I and in World War II. But in World War III there might not be any Americans. That's why we must have our own nuclear weapons!"

Carmichael

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