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LEGISLATION ON GROUP SELLING

A measure now in committee, Senate Bill 232, calls attention to a sales method which we had hoped was extinct, namely required purchase of unwanted articles as a condition for obtaining articles that are desired. Such forcing by wholesalers was once a recognized means of cleaning out hard-to-move items; it was also a handy way of shifting the problem to the retailer. In somewhat the same fashion, block booking was carried on by film salesmen and exhibitors found themselves virtually compelled to rent reels of dubious merit in order to obtain the features for which there was a demand. The bill now under consideration, relating to the distribution of books, magazines, "comics" and so on, provides:

It is unlawful for any person engaged indirectly or directly in the sale of or distribution of books, magazines, periodicals, comic books or similar publications to require retail dealers or other purchasers to take all of any certain group of such publications or any specified selection of various publications as a condition, term, or other requirement of the sale or right to receive or right to resell any one or more of the publications.

The bill has merit in that it would put a moral abstraction into practical application. It has weakness in the fact that it would apply to but one little division of business. The penalty of a \$3,000 fine and/or one year imprisonment in the county jail may be rather more severe than necessary. Perhaps the committee which now has Senate Bill 232 will do some changing before making its report.

HERE IS THE STRAIGHT OF IT

The effort made yesterday in this column to straighten out the Albany Democrat-Herald on the subject of Oregon's remaining two-weekly town was rather badly mixed up. Let us try again.

The Albany paper, commenting on the purchase of the second weekly in McMinnville, said that that meant there was no longer any Oregon city with two weekly papers. We pointed out that there were two weeklies in Prineville and the Democrat-Herald came back with the explanation of its error by saying one of them was too new to be included in the Oregon Blue Book.

Here, also, the Democrat-Herald is wrong. The Tribune, Prineville's second weekly, began publication in December, 1950. The Blue Book was put together in 1951 and the omission of the Tribune was obviously due, not to the youth of the Tribune, but to a failure on the part of the Blue Book editor.

Senators Holmes and Neuberger have come up with a bill, S.B. 313, that would prohibit dams higher than 25 feet on all streams and rivers tributary to the Columbia, except the Willamette, down-stream from the McNary dam. There are special provisions regarding diversions of Deschutes waters that would severely limit their use for irrigation. There's nothing in H.B. 160 that touches this in its threat to irrigation. Now let's have somebody bring in a bill prohibiting the taking of salmon in the ocean.

Slot machines have been barred in Idaho. That puts their operation, we suppose, on the same basis as it is in Oregon today.

Move to End Discrimination Before Oregon Legislature

By William Warren

SALEM, Feb. 20 (AP)—A move to end race discrimination in public places was before the 1953 Oregon Legislature Friday.

The Senate Judiciary committee held a hearing on the proposal Thursday afternoon that drew so many participants that the meeting had to be moved from the regular Judiciary committee room on the third floor of the capitol to a larger room on the fourth floor.

Ulysses G. Plummer, Portland attorney representing the Oregon Equal Rights committee, presented the witnesses, both colored and white, who said they thought Oregon was ready to unshackle its minority groups as far as treatment in public places is concerned, as it has unshackled them when it comes to equal rights to employment.

Says Act Effective

William E. Van Meter, deputy commissioner of labor, told the committee that the fair employment practices act passed by the 1949 Legislature has proved so effective that only one case has had to go to court. Van Meter is in charge of enforcement of the act in Oregon.

Two youths to testify were John Daniels, 19, who was the first Negro in the history of Lincoln high school of Portland to be president of his senior class, and Grover Campbell, 18, senior at Roosevelt high school of Portland, who has made quite a name for himself as an entertainer with a ventriloquist act.

Both told the committee that they believed racial discrimination was a carry-over from the preceding generation; that they found little evidence of it among their classmates or school mates, and then only when students explained they had been influenced by their parents.

Discrimination Embarrassing
They said some embarrassing spots and embarrassing discriminations against them. They said the discrimination was embarrassing both to themselves and to their white companions when clubs to which the two races belonged were turned down on banquet dates or in amusement parks because of the color line.

Dr. J. V. Berreman, professor of sociology at University of Oregon and vice president of the Lane County Fellowship for Civic Unity, said there was more discrimination in the smaller cities proportionately than in Portland. Dr. Berreman said discrimination was particularly bad in cities with universities, like Eugene, because several foreign students coming from countries in the Orient, India, Africa or elsewhere with colored populations were brought here by the

United States government to show them and through them their country, how democracy works in this country.

Feels Oregon Ready

Mrs. John Catlin of Portland, speaking for the Oregon State Conference of Social Workers, said: "We feel that Oregon is ready for this." She said she thought discrimination was as bad for the majority groups as for the minority because it kept those in the majority groups from getting acquainted with the rest of their fellow Americans.

The measure, Senate Bill 169, would make it unlawful to discriminate against color in restaurants, skating rinks, bowling alleys, taverns, amusement parks and other public places. A person so being discriminated against, could go to court for damages up to \$500.

Chamber Plans Tuesday Forum

REDMOND, Feb. 21—Officials of the Bonneville Power Administration have been issued special invitations to attend a chamber of commerce forum dinner Tuesday evening, February 24 at 7 p.m. in the Redmond hotel banquet room. The occasion will mark the organization of the new Redmond BPA substation and Maupin-Madras-Redmond transmission line, scheduled for 5:15 a.m. February 22.

John Davis, assistant administrator of Bonneville; S. C. Schultz, chief engineer; Vernon Taylor, chief of construction; and Amos Herget, all of Portland, and William Trommershausen, manager of the southwest area, and Loren Moore, area service officer, both of Eugene, have been extended invitations. It is expected that short talks will be given by some of the men, though the program has not yet been definitely set. There will also be some entertainment provided.

EN ROUTE HOME

HONOLULU, Feb. 21 (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet, former Eighth Army commander, was en route today to San Francisco aboard the military transport President Jackson. Van Fleet and his wife are due to dock in San Francisco next Wednesday. He arrived in Honolulu Feb. 12 and spent the week resting.

The difference between a deer and an antelope is in the horns. Deer have solid horns, while antelopes have hollow ones.

Can Be Done—But It Won't Be Easy



Washington Column

By PETER EDSON
(NEA Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Brotherhood Week is an American institution, aimed primarily at encouraging Catholics, Jews and Protestants to live and work with mutual respect and harmony in this country.

But a look at the world's wars and revolutions of today emphasizes how much religious intolerance is at the root of all unrest. An International Brotherhood Week, practiced on a perpetual basis, would do more to restore peace to the world than any other one thing.

The whole campaign of Communist aggression is a war against all the religions of the world.

In Soviet Russia proper the latest manifestation is a purge of Jews alleged to be spies and enemies of the Communist state.

In Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Italy and France, the propaganda of the Communists has been directed against the Catholic church. In Bulgaria, Romania and Greece it has centered against the Eastern Orthodox church.

In the Middle East, Communist troublemakers now appear to be giving support to the Arabs in their war against the people of Israel. In Iran and elsewhere throughout Islam, the Kremlin's agitators can be found stirring up opposition to the tenets of Mohammedanism.

Communism is anti-Buddhist in Tibet, anti-Hindu in India, anti-Moslem in Pakistan. Communist persecution of Christian missionaries throughout the Orient is notorious.

But the antireligious character of communism is only one phase of the general practice of intolerance today.

There are seven wars going on in the world today in varying degrees of heat or cold. The revolt in South Africa is racial—black against white. The three related wars of east Asia—in Korea, Indo-China and Malaya—are largely political. They are Communist aggressions for conquest of native governments.

The trouble in Morocco is partly political in that it is native nationalism against French colonial rule. But there are also overtones of a religious war in this struggle—Mohammedanism against Christianity.

The other two wars in this list are still more in the nature of "holy wars." In Kashmir, it is the struggle of Mohammedan Pakistan against Hindu India. In the Middle East it is the war of Israel against the surrounding Mohammedans of the Arab world.

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Some Republicans Don't Think Ike Went Far Enough

By JOHN L. STEELE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Eisenhower's solemn call for rejection of Russia's interpretation of secret wartime pacts drew cheers from Democrats today but some Republicans growled privately that it didn't go far enough.

Mr. Eisenhower submitted his draft resolution on the subject to Congress late yesterday and Chairman Alexander Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, it was learned, decided to refer it to a special subcommittee next week for lengthy study.

In line with prior pledges, Mr. Eisenhower asked the Congress to join him in declaring that this country "rejects any interpretations or applications" of the Yalta, Potsdam and other war-time agreements which have been "perverted to bring about the subjugation of free peoples."

Now Hope Sought

The proposed resolution also proclaimed "the hope" that enslaved people would again enjoy the right of self-determination and self-government in accordance with the Atlantic charter, negotiated in 1941 by the late President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

There was general support from both Republicans and Democrats for the President's proposal to renounce Russian violations of the pacts. Former President Truman and his Secretary of State Dean Acheson, protested against them on dozens of occasions.

But some Republicans were disappointed that the draft resolution did not "repudiate" outright such controversial agreements as the Yalta and Potsdam pacts. Senate

New Livestock Class is Added To State Fair

Oregon 4-H livestock competition will be broadened at the state fair this year with a new class for steers of dual-purpose breeds. Milking Shorthorns, Red Polls, and Brown Swiss steers, formerly in open competition with other beef breeds, will make up the new class with premium awards for three weight groups.

Steers must grade "good" or better to enter competition and will be eligible for auction sale, according to Cal Monroe, state 4-H agent at Oregon State college.

The high-scoring 4-H'er showing a Milking Shorthorn will receive a registered heifer calf of the breed. The award has been offered each year at state fair since 1950 by the Oregon Milking Shorthorn Breeders' association. Previous winners of a calf are not eligible for competition. Glenn Jones, Camas Valley 4-H member, was winner of last year's heifer donated by Roger Dumdi and Glen Macy, McMinnville.

Milking Shorthorn breeders who will award registered heifers for the next three years are R. G. Stearns, Lebanon, 1953; James C. Adams, Jefferson, 1954; and C. J. Jorgenson and Sons, Jefferson, 1955.

Establishment of a new class for steers of dual-purpose breeds came at the request of the Oregon Milking Shorthorn and Red Poll breeders' associations, Monroe said. James Elings, extension animal husbandry specialist, and Joe B. Johnson, acting head of the Oregon State college animal husbandry department, recommend that steers of these breeds be 12 to 15 months old for exhibition and marketing. If held to older ages, they tend to develop exceedingly large frames and become coarse and rough, the livestock specialists said.

Majority Leader Robert A. Taft (O.), and other members of the GOP high command actually demanded full repudiation of Yalta, for example, in campaigning for election.

The President's draft resolution apparently does not touch upon the harsh criticism congressional Republicans leveled against the Yalta pact. These deal with provisions restoring to Russia, southern Sakhalin and dominant interests in the northern China ports of Dairen and Port Arthur and the Manchurian railroads. Russia also was granted the Kurile Islands. In exchange the Soviets agreed to enter the war against Japan within three months after Hitler was defeated.

Some Republicans claim that this portion of the Yalta agreement "opened the door to communism in China." While these Yalta terms have been condemned, there has been little question about their "interpretation."

Indian Maidens Named for Honor

PRINEVILLE, Feb. 21—J. A. (Jess) Cain, manager of the Crooked River roundup, reported yesterday that Annabell Queapama, member of a prominent Warm Springs Indian reservation family, will rule as queen of the 1953 roundup, scheduled for August 7, 8 and 9. She will be attended by a royal court of four princesses, all of Warm Springs. They are Martha Smith, Marceline Charlie, Della Smith and Doris Squelmen. Miss Queapama won first place in a beauty contest for Indian maidens at the roundup last year. Miss Smith and Miss Charlie were runners-up.

Joe Shoun, manager of the central Oregon interests of the Gill Cattle Co., is chairman of the queen committee. He was assisted in making the selections by Cain and Walter Wainanawit, a Warm Springs reservation leader.

MORE DEFINITE

SALEM, Feb. 21 (AP)—A bill signed by Gov. Paul Patterson gives the Oregon Liquor Control Commission more definite authority to refuse to grant liquor service licenses. The Commission may refuse licenses if it finds there are enough licensed premises in the locality named in the application.

Judge Refuses To Drop Case

FT. MEADE, Md. Feb. 21 (AP)—A military judge today refused to dismiss charges of censorship violation against Lt. Col. Melvin B. Voorhees, former Army censor.

Col. Edward J. Kotrich, law officer of the court martial, gave no reason in rejecting all seven defense motions for dismissal of the charges. The decision means that the final verdict in the case probably will be made by the full court martial next week.

Lt. Col. John T. West Jr. had urged that the charges be dismissed on the grounds that the censorship regulation Voorhees has been accused of violating is an unconstitutional abridgment of freedom of speech.

Voorhees, one-time editor of the Tacoma Times, is charged with publishing his "Korean tales" without army clearance. The Army admitted there was no security involved in the book, but objected on grounds of "propriety" to certain passages about Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

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