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Those High School Textbooks

On this page today there appears a letter commenting on some facets of a series of editorials recently published in this newspaper concerning some of the criticisms made of textbooks selected for high school use by the state textbook commission. We take this means of drawing your attention to the letter.

The writer appears to be confused as to the type of government and laws existing in this country. We have a republic, to be sure. But its difference from other republics (such as the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics or the Republic of China) is that ours is a democratic (small "d") republic, where the individual, not the government, is supreme.

The basic premise of all American law, whether statutory, constitutional or derived from the old English common law, is that the individual is supreme. The Bill of Rights of the American Constitution is designed strictly to protect citizens from an over-zealous state. All our laws have the primary purpose of retaining the sovereignty of the individual and protecting that sovereignty from either the government or other individuals.

We feel that this system, which allows differences of opinion and protects those who differ from their neighbors, is a good one. We hope we still have, and always retain, our democracy.

New Interest in Ice Caves

Long before man developed refrigeration, nature had its own cooling devices — ice caverns choked by miniature glaciers.

One of these, the Arnold Ice Cave, is only 12 miles from Bend, low in the northern Paulina foothills. In earlier years this refrigerated cavern was featured locally as a tourist attraction.

In those years, tourists from all parts of America sought directions to the Arnold cave. And, after battling dust, high centers, occasional rocks and even down timber, these tourists returned to Bend, angered by the fact that the Arnold cave had been listed as an attraction.

Many of these mad tourists never reached the cave area, but wandered over unmarked roads. Others who reached the cave of ice were in no mood to appreciate the natural phenomenon.

The result was that for the past decade or so, the Arnold Ice cave has been "played down" as a tourist attraction. Fact is, tourists were advised not to try to attempt the drive.

Now, through improvement of the Brooks-Scanlon logging road from Bend to the Cinder Hill area, the Arnold Ice cave area will be comparatively accessible: Its location is only a mile from the improved roadway.

Even in the 1955 tourist season the modernized logging road will be available for public use on weekends, when log hauling is in recess. When logging is completed, the road will be available daily.

This points to renewed popularity for the Arnold Ice cave.

Possibly the Arnold Ice cave is not attractive as it was in early years when its miniature glacier was unstained by surface dust, but it is a cavern with a story. Part of that story concerns Bend.

Fifty years ago, when Bend was a village with an uncertain future, the Arnold cavern was a source of ice for the hamlet. The cave ice was sawed into massive chunks, removed from the cavern opening and hauled into town in freight wagons, to be stored through the summer in sawdust insulated ice houses.

From the viewpoint of the earth scientist, this ice cave, and others in western America, has an intriguing story. It is a story that ends with questions that have been only partly answered:

"Why does cavern ice form, and why won't this ice melt in the hot days of summer?"

Some say that the direction a potential ice cave faces is an all-important factor, but cave authorities and geologists differ on this. Ice, it is said, has been found in caves facing many directions. The Arnold Ice cave faces in a northerly direction. One of the best known ice caverns of the Modoc lava beds, Skull cave, faces west.

Air circulation appears to be an important factor. In the winter months, the Deschutes caves inhale — that is, cold surface air "flows" into the caves.

On warm days of summer, the caves exhale, and as the cool air flows out it lowers the temperature in the ice area. Because the caves "breathe" in this manner, there is a longer period of refrigeration than melting.

The result: Ice caverns that are definitely a tourist attraction.

Quotable Quotes

Our assurances of our desire to have good normal relations with the United States government are quite sincere.—Premier Nikolai Bulganin of Russia.

I honestly believe we (Republicans) have gone farther to the left in the last two-year period than any two-year period in the history of the country. I think it is immoral and . . . dishonest.—Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah.

It is only the people of religious faith throughout the world who have the power to overcome the force of tyranny.—Former President Truman.

We will never join with any of those who believe that international problems can be solved only through the use of armaments.—Yugoslavia's President Tito.

High Noon



Edson in Washington

Let's See Now, E is For . . .

By PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON (NEA)—There's a new parlor game making the rounds in Washington that is leaving senators, representatives, assorted bureaucrats and at least one Cabinet member in a state of red-faced embarrassment.

Sen. Mike Monroney (D., Okla.) and Mrs. Monroney introduced the game with great success the other night at a party given by Sen. and Mrs. Robert S. Kerr. There were 35 guests, including the five Oklahoma congressmen, Senator Kerr's staff and half a dozen reporters.

Senator and Mrs. Monroney passed out pieces of paper and then asked the guests to list seven U. S. Presidents whose last name begins with each of the letters of CALVERT. The time limit was 60 seconds. (Try it yourself and see how you do.)

Only one young woman, one of Senator Kerr's secretaries, got all seven names. She was the only one who named the President whose name begins with "E." A horror-struck silence followed announcement of answers.

Wrote Senator Kerr in his news letter to Oklahoma constituents, telling of the game:

"My embarrassment was somewhat relieved when I learned that one of the smart men of President Eisenhower's cabinet had the same experience. I don't want to call names, but I think the President visited him at his estate last weekend. (I'll give you ten seconds to answer that one.)"

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson continues to have the live among cabinet officers.

Badgered by reporters on the possibility of resigning from his top job in the Pentagon, someone asked Wilson if it would take an act of God to get him out of office. He replied:

"People blame God for a lot of things. Don't blame that on him."

When pressed for comment on Army Chief of Staff General Matthew B. Ridgway's opposition to proposed cuts in the size of the Army, Wilson observed:

"Now don't forget that I have a boss who knows something about the Army, too."

The secretary was then asked whether the Department of Defense planned to rent land on which the Army would hold its maneuvers. He admitted this was under study and explained:

"You get into complicated problems because you're always breaking down a fence and letting the bulls into the wrong field or some thing."

Reporters' snuffaws cut off any further amplification of that remark.

Rep. Harlan Hansen (D., Calif.) put this item in a report to his constituents on what Congress was doing:

"TO EAT OR NOT TO EAT—Republican Congressman Clare E. Hoffman, a spry and agile 79, claims one of the reasons for the high mortality rate among Congressmen is the food served in the House restaurant. Hoffman, who has evoked many a controversy on Capitol Hill, says the food is prepared in unsanitary surroundings. To protect himself and his younger colleagues, he has offered a bill calling for the immediate construction of a new dining room. The possibilities for President Eisenhower to make this long-delayed trip to the United States to see his old comrades-in-arms, President Eisenhower, are still regarded as rather dim by people in the know."

Chiloff's 1947 trip to America

was all set at one time. General Lucius Clay, then U. S. supreme commander in Germany, was to accompany Zhukov. And as President Eisenhower himself has revealed, he offered his son as aide and his Army chief of staff's plane for the trip, to assure safety.

But the day before scheduled departure, the Russian headquarters in Berlin sent word that Marshal Zhukov was ill and could not come. That night he was seen at the Berlin opera, healthy as you please. But for three weeks thereafter he disappeared.

When he got back, the Americans who knew him fairly well asked him why it was that he had cancelled his plans. Zhukov evaded answers. But he finally revealed that since the Red army had two marshals (Klementy E. Voroshilov was the other) it would be embarrassing to have one of them get too much attention.

The Korean Ambassador to Washington, Dr. You Chan Yang, has an old Korean folklore tale which he says is appropriate for today's exaggerated statements on new world crises. It's about an old villager, with quite a reputation as a teller of tall stories. One day he came running up the street saying that he had just seen a serpent three feet thick and 20 feet long.

His friends all told him he knew there were no serpents in Korea that long. "Well," said the man, "it was at least 15 feet long."

Again they laughed at him and he reluctantly reduced its length—first to ten feet, then to five. But at this point he drew the line.

"I won't reduce it another inch," he declared. "Remember, I've kept it three feet thick. If we cut down the length any further, we'll end up with a square serpent."

Nautilus Makes Final Test Dive

GROTON, Conn. (UPI)—The USS Nautilus, the Navy's first atomic-powered submarine, knifed through Atlantic waters "somewhere off the coast of Maine" today for final diving tests before assuming position as a first-line warship.

The Navy said yesterday it expected the craft's skipper, Cmdr. Eugene T. Wilkinson, to begin deep water dives late in the day. The results were not expected before the craft returns to port here late today or tomorrow.

Many vital details of the Nautilus' performance were still listed as secret by the Navy. However, the craft was expected to be able to dive deeper and stay under longer than any previous underwater craft.

The Nautilus has passed all earlier trials with flying colors, the Navy said. She made her first voyage Jan. 17. Later, the blunted submarine made more than 30 shallow dives and traveled more than 1000 miles in 148 hours under nuclear power in the Atlantic and Long Island Sound.

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Sage Brushings

By ILLA S. GRANT

Busiest place in town, last Saturday, was the county judge's office in the court house, where dog licenses are being sold. (Today's the last day without penalty.) Saturday the judge's secretary wrote out the application forms as fast as she could go, all morning long.

Some of the pooches went along with their folks, and waited outside in cars. The noisiest pair was a black Chihuahua and a Doberman Pinscher, sharing sedan space and whooping it up great gobs, just daring passers-by to touch a door handle. I think I could call the Chihuahua's bluff, but I wouldn't care to tangle with the Doberman.

In World War II, the sheriff tells me, Dobermans (or is it Dohemens?) were used in the Corps K-9. The Doberman—big, sleek, intelligent—is a one-man dog, and a pretty fierce customer when he's defending what he considers his own.

The fellow outside the courthouse appeared to be very capable of controlling any situation that might arise. But his pint-sized companion was doing most of the talking.

There seems to be a moral here, if anyone cares to pursue it.

You can't beat these style-conscious teen-agers. All winter long, snow-white cords were the thing. Now the Young Man tells me that black denims are the last word for spring.

Cpl. Denis ("Dig") Berrigan from his station at Kenai, Alaska, that the daytime temperature gets up to 25 degrees now, and the old-timers think it's summer. He returned North recently after a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Berrigan, in Tygh Valley.

"Dig" got back to his base just in time to enjoy what the Anchorage papers claim was "the most severe winter snow in history." It was still snowing when he wrote, and before the storm, the snow pack measured 82 inches.

The corporal says he continues to enjoy The Bend Bulletin, which his folks send to him.

These strings of Christmas tree lights, still festooning the fronts of several buildings around town, are gay as all get-out. Sort of appropriate for the approaching season, too. They look like Easter eggs.

In Brazil, Dr. Francis A. Hochstein and his associates in the Charles Pfizer research laboratories duplicated that feat and put it on a commercial basis; they also found that rauwolfia heterophylla contains six other basic chemical compounds which are in rauwolfia serpentina plus a brand new one.

What these other rauwolfia compounds do to and for the human body is not known precisely, but since reserpine has such dramatic effects, which are not fully understood, the possibility is plan that the related compounds are laden with potencies, too.

Reserpine is a calmer-downer, a "tranquillizer." It has come into widespread use by physicians for some varieties of high blood pressure, and it is exciting the world of psychiatry by its calming effects on some kinds of mental patients.

India's Attempt To Monopolize Reserpine Foiled

By DELOS SMITH

United Press Science Editor
NEW YORK (UPI)—Nature and science have thrown a double block on India in its attempt to establish a world monopoly on the new "miracle drug," reserpine.

Its sole source of supply was supposed to be from the roots of the plant, Rauwolfia serpentina, which was believed to grow only in India, and thus India seemed to hold all the cards.

Six months ago it clamped an embargo on the export of rauwolfia serpentina roots, which meant that when stockpiles were exhausted reserpine could only be extracted from the roots in India.

But an American pharmaceutical house now is extracting reserpine on a commercial scale from rauwolfia heterophylla which is a kind of botanical first cousin of the Indian plant and grows abundantly in Central America, from Mexico southward.

Furthermore, chemists now are close enough to understanding the chemical make-up of rauwolfia that it shouldn't be long before they are making it themselves in laboratories. The United Press learned. Reserpine was isolated from the Central American rauwolfia first



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Letters

To the Editor:

Re: Those High School Textbooks I have read your series on texts and regret very much that your readers are subjected to such tirades. I can see that you are well inoculated with the "Progressive Education" virus, a mental illness for which our vaunted modern science has failed to pronounce a cure, remedy or counter-irritant.

Further, I see you are a Democrat of the left wing. We do not have "education in a democracy." I hope we still have a republic. "The individual is sovereign" is worse. Who wants any kind of sovereignty around? Individual or any other type. Why not let the laws of the land rule?

Are you not in favor of allowing the Constitution to govern the nation? Your upholding the acts of modernistic (socialistic) text writers and the dictatorial textbook commissioners clearly shows that you do not believe in your own statement.

If you will take the trouble to know the ideals, aims and purposes of the D. A. R. you will find that every patriotic American can, should and will agree 100 per cent. There is no such thing as over-patriotism or 200 per cent Americanism except among Un-Americans.

Yours,
Virgil Holland
Secretary, Committee for the Advancement of Patriotic and Constitutional Material for Instruction in Public Schools.

Portland, Oregon
February 24, 1955

Editor's note: Now we've been called practically everything.

A NATURAL

BOSTON (UPI)—A gunman robbed the Keith Memorial theater boxoffice of \$28 while patrons were watching "Six Bridges to Cross," a movie based on Boston's unsolved \$1,219,000 Brink's holdup.

AWARD PRESENTED

LONDON (UPI)—Dr. Albert Schweitzer today joined President Eisenhower as the only living foreigners to hold Britain's Order of Merit.

Queen Elizabeth II presented the award to the famed French philosopher, doctor and missionary yesterday. Membership in the order, established in 1908, is limited to 24 eminent Britons, plus honorary foreign members.

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