



'I'm afraid I'm already spoken for'

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If this pattern is to develop further, junior high hours should be lengthened

Some time ago, a church organization asked that some junior high students, members of the church, be excused from study period at school for a few days for a religious instruction program. Such excused absence is permissible under Oregon school law.

Now another church is considering asking for the same privilege on a regular basis. The first group was granted its request by Junior High Principal Ralph May, acting on his own and without checking with either the school superintendent or the school board.

If the new group is granted its proposed request, others undoubtedly will be in to ask for permission to conduct the same type of program.

There is no issue of either religious freedom or separation of church and state involved in these requests. The religious instruction was and will be conducted off school property. Teaching will not be done by school personnel.

There is, however, a serious question as to the wisdom of continuing the practice.

If school authorities are going to grant such requests — and they simply cannot deny petitioners from one church while granting time off to students from another denomination — the practice is sure to grow.

If it grows, the day will come quickly when a very substantial part of the junior high student body will be gone from the school for up to two hours per week.

Religious instruction in itself is fine. Each person has the right to take such instruction — or not to take it — in the religion of his or her choice.

But school hours should be set aside for school. Goodness knows, students in junior high spend little enough

time in classes and study as it is. Class breaks, study halls, lunch periods, physical education courses, and other things are a constant interference with solid study progress. Taking a couple of hours each week out for still another purpose will cut down on the time now remaining.

Junior high is a particularly important time for a student. It is here he must learn and formalize the study habits which will serve him on into college, if he is to learn them at all.

It is here he probably will put whatever final touches he will get on his basic skills in communications. It is here he first gets much real test of his reasoning powers.

Rather, then, than cut down on the time available to him in junior high for a program which is completely unrelated to school and the learning he needs to acquire for success in high school and college, the time available to him should be increased, if possible.

There is a simple way out of the dilemma.

One local church which wants its young people to receive religious instruction, holds classes at 8 a.m. each day at the church, taking the hour prior to start of school. This doesn't take time from school. This could be done. Another suggestion would be for students to start school an hour earlier. This would also allow full school time to be put in on school education projects. Either way would mean that the student could get his secular and ecclesiastical education at the same time, without either suffering in favor of the other.

Otherwise, we're afraid the whole business soon will get out of hand.

She shouldn't be made a 'Chessman'

The Eugene Register-Guard, in discussing the Freeman case at Madras and its outcome, points out one additional factor which has been the subject of considerable private speculation in recent days.

This is — but let the Register-Guard tell it:

Political figures have had their careers ruined because of decisions less important than the one that is likely to face Gov. Mark Hatfield. If Jeannette Freeman, convicted of murder in Madras last week, falls in her automatic appeal to the Supreme Court, will the governor then commute her sentence to life imprisonment? Whatever he does, it will be wrong in the eyes of many Oregon citizens. Those who approve will soon forget their approval. Those who object will not forget.

Some will advance the standard arguments against capital punishment. In addition they will point out that Oregon has never yet executed a woman. And this one, they will say, is obviously not normal. The victim of a childhood assault herself, she is warped. She is sick, they will argue.

Others will not be able to forget the apparent deliberateness of the crime, nor the picture of two helpless children being thrown, alive, over a cliff. They will think not only of the horrible crime, but of the Freeman woman's way of life, which they find repulsive. They would have had no sympathy for her, even if she hadn't committed this crime.

It is all too likely that the decision will rest with Governor Hatfield. The governor, who during the campaign criticized Governor Holmes for commuting sentences, said he's against capital punishment himself, but added he doesn't think, as governor, he has any business overruling courts and juries.

If the governor is lucky, the decision won't have to be made until after November of 1962.

There's no need for Hatfield to declare himself at this time, but the need will come relatively soon. Lawyers are pretty well agreed the defense's motion for a new trial will be denied when it is filed.

With the Supreme Court docket in the shape it's in — cases are heard within 60 days after the issues are joined — that decision will come pretty quickly.

And a lot of people are ready to remind Hatfield of his campaign statements against former Governor Holmes.

Actually, the Freeman woman's best chance of doing some good for society — to take a very cold-blooded view of the situation — would be to go to the gas chamber. Execution of a woman, even a woman like this one, would probably be the straw which would enable Oregon voters to bring themselves to outlawing further use of the death penalty.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Kennedy advisers badly split on Berlin issue

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — The sessions between Secretary of State Rusk and Foreign Minister Gromyko in New York this week are the culmination of a long hassle inside the Kennedy administration over Berlin. There is evidence that a similar hassle has been going on inside the Kremlin.

The opposing influences in both countries are between those who lean toward preventive war and those who believe with ex-President Eisenhower that there is "no alternative to peace."

The inside story of what happened inside the Kennedy administration can now be told. What probably happened inside the Kremlin will be told later.

Beginning as early as last January, Kennedy was urged by some of his close friends and advisers to take the initiative with Khrushchev regarding Berlin. Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky, a moderate Republican, had been in Moscow in December, talked with Gromyko, Deputy Premier Mikoyan, and others; came back to report that they would sign a peace treaty with East Germany come what may. They told him they had waited long enough for the United States.

Senator Cooper, who is a good friend of Kennedy's and dined with him immediately after his inauguration, reported all this in detail. He advised the President that the situation would not wait, that European opinion generally agreed that 16 years was long enough to wait after a war to sign a peace treaty with Germany. He suggested that the new administration begin with a clean break by taking the initiative away from Moscow, and call for Berlin talks.

Rusk Says No
Simultaneously Adlai Stevenson told the new President pretty much the same thing. At that time Khrushchev had made various gestures friendly to the United States and Stevenson advised that the time was ripe to make "some new starts toward peace." Khrushchev had wanted to send a special ambassador of cabinet rank to Kennedy's inauguration — which the President-elect vetoed. Khrushchev had also sent a glowing cable of congratulations, one of the most fulsome he had ever sent to any head of state. And immediately after the inauguration he released the RB-47 fliers.

Stevenson, after a talk with Kennedy, was asked by newsmen in New York whether Kennedy would see Khrushchev if he came to New York for the next UN meeting. Stevenson replied that he thought he would.

This brought an immediate and official denial from White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger. Behind it was the group of Kennedy's stand-pat advisers on Berlin.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk had taken the lead in vetoing Stevenson's suggestion that the new

President take the initiative in moving for a final peace treaty with Germany, and Kennedy felt he could not go over the head of his Secretary of State.

But behind Rusk was Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State, on whom Kennedy was leaning heavily for advice on NATO and Berlin. And siding with Acheson and Rusk was "Chip" Bohlen, former ambassador to Moscow, now special adviser on Russian affairs.

Their advice was that Chancellor Adenauer, leader of West Germany, plus the whole NATO alliance would be seriously weakened by any compromise on Berlin.

"Take the Initiative"
Meanwhile Sen. William Fulbright, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and a power in the Senate, had urged the new President to announce that the Berlin situation needed changing, and to take the lead himself. Then he would not appear to be pushed by Khrushchev.

Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana, Democratic Leader of the Senate, advised likewise, and made an important speech suggesting Berlin as an independent city under the protection of the United Nations. Chester Bowles, Under Secretary of State, lined up with the Stevenson-Fulbright-Mansfield group and so did Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson when he was finally called home from Moscow.

However, the new President, busy with his domestic program and inheriting some of the toughest problems ever handed a new President — Berlin, Laos, and Cuba — waited.

Meanwhile events went against him. He took a setback in Laos, suffered a disastrous defeat over Cuba; and only then, six months after the inauguration, when he was in a seriously weakened position, did he meet with Khrushchev in Vienna.

At Vienna, Khrushchev took the initiative which Kennedy advisers had urged him to take. He slapped the new President with an aide memoir warning that he intended to sign a new peace treaty with Germany before the year 1961 was over — whether the United States agreed or not.

The President handled himself with dignity and restraint. But time and events were running against him. He was negotiating from a position of weakness, not

Letters

to the Editor

The Bulletin welcomes contributions to this column from its readers. Letters must contain the correct name and address of the sender, which may be withheld at the newspaper's discretion. Letters may be edited to conform to the dictates of taste and style.

Wall and Greenwood corner busy place

To the Editor:

Your editorial of a few weeks ago concerning the need for a traffic signal at the Wall - Greenwood-Newport corner was a step in the right direction. But it lacked two major ingredients. It should have had a more prominent spot in the column, and everything you said should have been underlined and in spaces.

There is no tourist season, as such in our area, any more. It is a year-around situation. That corner is a crossroads for all the traffic going north and east from our town, and it brings in people from those same directions. These travelers are not only tourists, but commercial vehicles and businessmen. It is also a corner that must handle local residents coming down town from parts of west, north and east Bend. It is almost always an extremely busy spot.

Under any circumstances it is an irritating, frustrating experience for a driver to get off of Greenwood or Newport onto Wall. The jog these two streets create compounds the issue. And we shouldn't forget the pedestrian who has just as much right to cross as the automobile, but who adds to the general confusion.

It is evident that the city should install a properly regulated three or four way traffic signal at this bedlam. Cost, within reason, should be no object, when the results would fulfill such a crying need.

Sincerely,
Nancy Chandler

Bend, Oregon,
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strength. That is still the basic difficulty Secretary Rusk faces as he meets with Foreign Minister Gromyko today.

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Sisters church to have speaker from college

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SISTERS Conley Silsby from the Puget Sound College, of the Bible at Seattle, Wash., will be guest speaker at the Sisters Church of Christ on Sunday, September 24 at the 11 a.m. service.

Mr. and Mrs. Estelle Cooper returned home Sunday from a trip to San Jose, Calif., where they visited at the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cooper. They also enjoyed a reunion with Mrs. Cooper's mother, Mrs. Allie Mikeman, and four of her sisters and a brother, at Oroville, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Austin and family drove to Corvallis on Sunday where her son, Rick Larson, will enroll at the Oregon University. Rick is a third year student transferring from Eastern Oregon College at La Grande.

Enjoy Trip to Coast

The Orphy Reeses spent Saturday visiting their daughter, Judy, in Salem and enjoyed a trip to the coast on Sunday.

Delores Mouser, daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Mouser, has begun a course in practical nursing training at the St. Charles Memorial Hospital in Bend. Mrs. Curtis Roberts is also enrolled in the course.

Members of the Rebekah Lodge held their first meeting after recessing for the summer months, on Wednesday night. Twenty members were present for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ray were callers at the Ray Gerking home in Tumalo on Sunday.

Weekend guests at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crabb were their niece, Mrs. P. A. Everett and son, Bob, of Coos Bay.

Visitors Reported

* Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hewitt of Payette, Idaho, were visitors at the Albert Demaris and Loyd Hewitt homes over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Orphy Reese were overnight guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Reese in Portland on Saturday. They attended the funeral of James Baker on Monday.

Dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Lillian Dudding on Friday evening were Mrs. George Brewster and Mrs. B. L. Farleigh and son, Jimmy, of Redmond.

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