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A Freedom of the Press Issue

In an unprecedented first page announcement, The Ore-gonian, in a statement signed by Mr. J. Frey, general man-ager, bares a controversy with its largest advertiser, Meier Frank. News freedom was the implied issue. statement says:

"Last week The Oregonian published an adequate and impartial account of the findings of a National Labor Relations Board examiner in a case in which the Meier & Frank company was charged with unfair labor practices.

"Immediately Meier & Frank company canceled many pages of advertising already set in type in The Oregonian composing room and has since then, reduced its advertising space to a fraction of the store's former use. Meier & Frank company has not directly informed The Oregonian of the reason for this sudden and drastic curtailment of advertising space.

"As a matter of traditional policy, The Oregonian strives to report the news completely, impartially and without fear or favor. The Oregonian will continue to do so. We invite the patronage of those who approve this policy."

Aaron Frank, president of the Meier & Frank Co., would make no comment on The Oregonian's statement other than to repeat what he said earlier when the county democratic central committee first brought the controversy time a piece of metal gets im- may overtake some patients. into the open.

"The news and editorial policies of newspapers have no effect on the advertising policies of Meier & Frank," Frank said. "Further, Meier & Frank does not participate in newspaper politics."

The Meier & Frank Co. may not participate in politics now but it has in the past. In the political campaign of 1930, when the late Julius Meier was an independent candidate for governor on the "Bull Frog ticket" pledging "free power for nothing," The Oregonian was penalized by loss of the store's advertising because it supported Phil Metschler, the republican nominee for governor, instead of one of thes 30 people wa schler, the republican nominee for governor, instead of

your family or nev. George H. Swift a close friend, The boycott was effective enough in the long run to force a general shake-up in The Oregonian's editorial and you may not be impressed by the "March business management, and the installation of a new regime, and the M. & F. advertising reappeared. The old management evidently stood pat for freedom of the press and walked the plank rather than capitulate.

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The present issue does not concern politics at all and Mr. Frank is probably correct, but it apparently does concern freedom of the press, the right of a newspaper to print fair and impartially the news of the day.

In the past there have been many instances where large advertisers attempted to dictate not only the editorial policy but the business policy of newspapers, though few of them were successful and "them days are gone forever."

The big advertisers of today still try sometimes to dictate advertising rates, insisting that circulation be increased but refusing to participate in the increased cost and coverage incurred principally for their own benefit. There are instances where the big advertisers combined There are instances where the big advertisers combined to establish their own "Shopping News," and boycotted the newspapers. They were such costly ventures in comparison with results, that they have been largely aban-

An amusing feature of the present controversy is the action of the Multnomah county democratic committee, under the leadership of Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman, in adopting a resolution commending The Oregonian "for courageous endeavor to present the truth and protect the institution of a free press."

Sweetland has evidently been converted to the cause of a free press along with his conversion to democracy from the left wing Commonwealth Federation, which Earl Browder welcomed as part of his "Democratic Front." Perhaps

socialist government for February 23 is one of the most momentum in the long history of that country. It is no ordinary election. It is a pause for an accounting of the stewardship of the country's first completely socialist regime. it is the democratic party that has been converted to the OCF.

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In October, 1938, the Capital Journal commented on the
fact that its annual convention, the Oregon Commonwealth Federation some 46 of its 141 delegates voted
against a resolution condemning Soviet Russia for agyression on Finland, showing the communist strength in the
federation.

A day later the publisher of the Capital Journal and its
managing editor were sued each for \$100,000 damages in
the Marion county circuit court by the "Oregon Commonwealth Federation," Monroe Sweetland, executive secrtary. The suit was dismissed on motion of plaintiff January 14, 1939.

That is what Sweetland then thought of freedom of the
press.

Sciem is Involved, as Well as the State

The state emergency board has indicated its faith in
the proposed extension of the capitol zone north toward
D street. The board's action Friday left no doubt that
the zone should be preserved for future state buildings.

Although the attorney general feet the board had no
legal right to buy property without the legislature's authority, the board was just as definite in its opposition to
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that the r lot in question and paying the builder's costs would mean a relatively small outlay for the lot now as compared with at least \$300,000 for the completed building a year from

Leaving aside the legal aspects of the problem, there re-the ways. Which road is she likely to mains the matter of trying to reach an agreement with the Portland builder, Robert Coates, who has already committed himself to \$31,100 for the apartment house project on North Summer street. The state can probably stretch it-self to buy only the lot on North Summer street. That leaves the negotiations with Coates also up to the city of

It would seem wise, therefore, for both state and city officials to consider the problem of just compensation to Coates. Coates has already admitted the moral obligation of not proceeding with the building, but he feels he may have to start construction in order to bring the case into

the courts for legal appraisal of his expense claims.

Some compromise with Coates must be reached before February 20, the date his commitment to FHA expires.

Nevertheless, the emergency board is to be commended

for taking the initiative in face of an adverse ruling by the attorney general. And, in this connection, it was gratifying to note that support for the zone extension came from all members, who in turn, represented various sections of the state. In other words, the feeling to preserve sites for state buildings for the next 50 years in a beautiful vists is shared by all of Oregon. tiful vista is shared by all of Oregon.



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

No one knows who will be the

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No One Knows Who'll Be The Next Victim of Polio

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Some time ago, I attended a hospital meeting when the matter of getting an instrument for removing metal from patient's eye was mentioned.

One person suggested, giving a good reason therefore, delaying getting the machine until a much later date, and asked a doctor present if it would be

I saw a picture once, the title of which I have forgotten, in which a man in agony with an arrow in his back, was plead-ing for help. His comrades tried to quict him with the assurance that a doctor of great reputation was on the way.

"I don't care what his reputation is," said the sufferer, "has other, democracy breaks down.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has a great reputation. It is on its way to every poliomyelitis epidemic area. But it needs pliers.

you may not be area. But it needs pliers.

of impressed by the "March of impressed by the "March of Only the funds you and I Dimes" campaign to rebuild repleted reserves, or exhausted tiveness of its work It cannot treasuries of infantile paralysis do much without pliers.

committees. But you, or someone dear to you your wife or
child, may be suddenly stricken.
If you and I, and hundreds of in order that it may have the
thousands of others, do not respond now and liberally to the another pair of pliers.

Just a Slip of the Tongue

Portland, Ore., Jan. 14 (0.2)—A slip of the tongue gave municipal court clerk Howard K. Pierce a red face. He asked a defendant:

You're charged with being guilty-are you drunk or not

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Britons Interested in Security Rather Than Private Initiative

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The general election which finally has been set by the British socialist government for February 23 is one of the most momentous in the long history of that country. It is no ordinary election. It is a pause for an accounting of

power, they will have to turn the trick next month. Five years will be too late. Socialism will be rooted.

Well, the prophets are evaluating that one and are mumbling I was stationed in London for in their beards. Independent observers think the election will general strike of 1928 (the be close. Being of Scotch descent and canny, we avoid pream outgrowth of this situation. dictions.

The average Briton thinks in terms of the family. That feeling has inaugurated its big medical is so pronounced that he will welfare program, which has an cling to a job which pays a small appeal in England. wage but is lasting rather than take a chance on highly paidwork which isn't certain to last. It's

Perhaps the greatest strength of the socialists lies in the fact that the rank and file of workers have had a rather tough time during the past generation. Of course this has been due to a lot of elements, including two world wars which have raised hades with the economy of the country.

piece-meal ownership. The workers called for nationaliza-tion of the mines to overcome

Living conditions among the miners in many districts were terrible. In many areas the minwell, the prophets are evad-and that one and are mumbling I was stationed in London for

There are plenty of British The socialist government also

These facts may register heavily when the ballots are cast. ity first." There will be less in-terest in "private initiative."

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Costello's Power Reaches Inside Federal Government

Ed. Note: This is the second of Drew Pearson's columns on gambling racketeers and how they affect our various branches of government.

By DREW PEARSON

Washington —In 1932, when Franklin Roosevelt advocated the repeal of prohibition, one big argument was that liquor racketeers had become a law unto themselves, a group above the government.

That argument was valid. But now the old liquor racketeers have moved into the gambling racket where they still remain Maragon's transactions were in a law unto themselves. Last year a rash of stories on

Frankie Costello were published by Time, Newsweek and Edward Folliard of the Washington Post, a great newspaperman. These stories told how Cos-tello lunched in style at the Wal-

tom-made cloth- Drew Pearson es, owned an of-

fice building on Wall street Unwittingly, these articles tended to paint such a glorified picture of America's No. 1 gam-bler that an impressionable youngster might have been peryoungster might have been per-suaded that this was the life associated with Costello in con-for him. nection with the Whiteley Com-

It was even pointed out that Costello still lived with the same wife; completely ignoring the files of the New York police department which are filled with recordings of obscene telephone conversations between Costello and a score of mistresses.

The tragic fact is that Costello and the gang leaders he repre-sents have succeeded to an amazing degree not only in making crime pay but in making it re-spectable. That is not a lesson that we want taught our youth.

Furthermore, when any one group in our society sets itself

The amazing fact is that Costurn the tello could be deported from the Jennings. United States and sent back to Italy tomorrow if the justice department wanted to. For, when Costello swore out his American citizenship papers in 1925, he perjured himself re-garding his criminal record.

At this very moment, another imnigrant, Harry Bridges, is on signed by Helis for 10,000 ordin-trial in San Francisco on exact-ly the same charge—perjury in shares and 35,000 preferred shares of stock. connection with his citizenship

cash-the coin of the undeworld.

Maragon and General Vaugh-an also had enough power in-side the Truman administration to overrule a housing order against the remodeling of California's Tanforan race track after being introduced to the track's owners by Costello's partner, Helis.

Though Costello probably makes most of his money in gambling, one source of revenue is his partnership with "Dandy Phil" Kastel, Bill Helis and Irving Haim, as sales agents for House of Lords and King's Ran-som whiskies.

When republican senators

stumbled into this connection last summer, Helis immediately issued a vigorous denial. He said pany, owners of House of Lords and King's Ranson.

However, here is part of the official, though confidential record regarding the partnership of White House friend Bill Helis, Farnkie Costello, and "Dandy Phil" Kastel.

Nov. 8, 1937—A note for \$225,-000 to Irving Haim at the Whit-ney National bank in New Orleans was endorsed by Phil Kas-tel, William Helis and Frank Costello.

In 1938-Kastel owed C. D. In 1938—Kastel owed C. D. They were ask-plannings of Chicago \$45,000 for ed by the cos-slot machines. So a note for the debt was signed by Kastel and of the Metro-Hitherto Costello's chief influence has been in the big cities

New York Mismi and Los Angeles. But now he appears to be able to reach inside the federal government.

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with his personal check for that amount. "It's a good thing that they

Sept. 15, 1938-An agreement Countless other immigrants have been deported for doing exactly the same thing, but they have lacked something which Costello has—influence.

Sept. 15, 1938—An agreement was executed between Irving an interest in J. G. Turney and Sons, Ltd., the holding company for King's Ransom and House of Lords whistees.

Sept. 16, 1938-A recept was

papers.

Sept. 1, 1939—Lloyd Cobb,
This column holds no brief for Helis' man in New Orleans,
Bridges. But everyone should be wrote A. G. Reynolds, Helis'

Bridges. But everyone should be wrote A. G. Reynolds, Helis' treated equally. And it's an ironic fact that "Jiggs" Donohue, a ping from the Washington Merprivate attorney who has had ry-Go-Round, linking Helis to
contacts with the Maragon-Costello crowd, is now retained by
the justice department to prosecute Bridges.

President Truman, I am convinced, knows nothing about
Costello influence inside the government and would not stand for

OPEN FORUM

Apartment in Capitol Zone

To the Editor: I have been reading in the papers where it has been suggested that people send in contributions for a Mr. Robert Coates, who recently purchased a lot on North Summer street for an apartment building and is now in the frozen area.

would need any financial help, lot, he no doubt will use the For if he had watched the papers same plans. The plans are flexible, . . . he would have known that the voters who remember those state was planning on the voters who remember those tough days. They also note that over this property in the future the coal industry has been nast the pictures and articles of tionalized—under the socialists, the proposed area have been in

These facts may register hea-ily when the ballots are cast.

The rank and file are going that sold him this lot to have drawing plans for the building advised him of the future plans last September. The capitol of the state.

I also see where they request its plans for the zone in Novem-\$15,600 architect's fee. If this ber.)

It seems rather odd that he apartment is located on another

NANCY STUMP YOUNG

(Editor's Note: Mr. Coates of the proposed area have been in both Portland and Salem paners. both Portland and Salem papers. Summer street lot. The freeze If by any chance he over-looked these articles, is seems to me that it should of been the duty of the real estate man

Summer street tot. The Breeze on the area to prevent such buildings was not put in until the day after he got his building permit. The architect started planning commission announced

BY CLARE BARNES, JR.

White Collar Zoo



"Wanna buy a chance on a plastic cocktail shaker?"

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Men, Look Out! Women Want You to Wear Skirts!

By HAL BOYLE

New York (49)-There is a new theory that men ought to spend less time chasing skirts—and more time wearing them. Yep, that's right, fellows, S-k-i-r-t-s for men instead of

Naturally this idea didn't come from a man. It was cooked



put tags on men at conventions to tell them apart."

and pinned on boards like butterflies.

suggested:

Jackets of pale yellow doeskin with big, big buttons.

A wrap-around skirt of plaid utility.

Shoulder strap leather handbags.

I would be the last to underestimate the power of women.
But if the man of the future is
ever induced to go about in given by Winston Churchill. He
this he-moth attire, I have no likes to lounge in a pair of covhositancy in predicting what the
eralls, Zip—you're in! Unzip—

and spit through her teeth, and only her mother will love her. However, I don't believe Lily Dache, Hattie Carnegie, and the other designing ladies will suc-ceed in inflicting leather hand-bags or plaid skirts on men. And bags or plaid skirts on men. And certainly I will refuse to wear a beret unless it has a propeller on it, such as those so popular now with the small fry.

hat. She will also chew tobacco

The plain truth is that the average man no longer thinks it is just dandy to dress like a dan-Jennings.

Aug. 23, 1938—Bill Helis paid way they dress—as much alike dy. He doesn't want to return to the silk-and-satin period of at the Whitney National bank Or, as Designer Lily Dasche at the Whitney National bank or crisply put it:

Man has gone from armor to elegance to utility in his attire. He has completed his evolution.

Well, if men start wearing what these fashion experts of what to wear. They are imdreamed up for them, they prisoned by armor—the girdle, won't need to wear tags. They furs and high heel shoes lend will probably be caught in nets them elegance. There is also and pinned on bearfs like but, something, about their clothing. and pinned on boards like butsomething about their clothing
that observes the principle of
Among other items, the girls
uggested:

something about their clothing
that observes the principle of
practicality, but I have forgotten just what this is.

The futility of women's cloth-ng is more impressive than its

Our economy is still based on Frank Costello.

Berets with colorful sunburst

Berets with colorful sunburst

patterns.

Shoulder start of the only one we can be a family—and one peacock. Mamma is the peacock, the only one we can affect the only one we can be affect the only one we can affect the only one we can affect the only one we can be affect.

suit—trousers and a double- go for that than wear the skirts breasted jacket — and a derby in his family.

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