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'IS PORTLAND PART OF OREGON?'

The above is the caption of a five-column ad by the Oregon Uniform Time committee, protesting the attempt being made in Portland in "a well organized, carefully planned movement by a small group to put pressure on the city council and Portland business people to establish what they call 'voluntary' daylight time in defiance of the laws of Oregon."

It is pointed out that, in the last election the people of Oregon voted to end time confusion and establish Uniform Standard Time. An overwhelming majority of 143,000 voters approved Uniform Standard Time throughout the state. The following facts were listed:

There is no daylight-versus-standard-time issue. The issue is simply this: Is Portland part of the state of Oregon? And this issue is tremendously important in light of Portland's economic effect upon our state.

Because of Portland's unique position as a business and population center, any action taken will react directly upon surrounding communities which have overwhelmingly expressed their desire for Uniform Standard Time. Many of them near Portland will be resentfully dragged into following any Portland fast-time action.

That the harmful effects of any "voluntary" time shift in Portland is realized by Portlanders is conclusively proven by an impartial and scientific poll conducted by Dan E. Clark II and Associates. This public opinion research firm is nationally known for accuracy and its findings appear regularly in the Oregonian. The Clark poll shows:

63.3 per cent of the voters of Multnomah county are in favor of Portland going along with the majority of the state and remaining on Uniform Standard Time. They do not favor changing the clocks nor do they favor any mass change of working hours.

Mayor Peterson and members of the Portland city council are commended for their stand against any evasion of the will of the voters and Peterson is quoted as declaring: "Thank God, the majority still rules. We're not going to spearhead having no respect for the law here." Mayor Peterson has declared in council meeting, "The clocks will not be changed with a my vote!" Commissioners Bowes and Earl have taken a firm stand, with Bowes declaring, "I do not believe Portland is bigger than the rest of the state!"

However, the persistent effort for daylight time threatens to make the old time "confusion more confounded," as transportation companies, including railroads, bus and airlines, which have hitherto stuck by Standard Time, with some exceptions, announce they are publishing their time tables "in local time" whatever that may be.

The United and Western airlines announce that while their Portland schedules still read Standard Time, they have been altered to conform with California's Daylight Time. What a headache for travelers, and probably the airlines, too.

MUFFING AN OPPORTUNITY

Even though the senate committee on natural resources "watered" down the so-called tidelands bill under which it was proposed to empower the state land board to grant 99-year leases for lands on navigable streams, lakes and sloughs, the senate voted it down by vote of 15 to 14.

As the bill was originally drawn by the house members the proposed leases could have embraced lands into the middle of the streams or other waterways and thus would have enabled private corporations to remove sand and gravel from the beds of such streams.

Revenue received from the lease of these tidelands reverts to the irreducible school fund. Suspicion over the bill developed because of the wholesale looting of public lands in the past, with the result that Oregon has little of such lands remaining in state ownership.

Even some of the senators who supported the revised bill in the senate admitted after the vote had been taken that "perhaps there is something wrong with the bill."

The long debate on the bill developed that the office of the land board has apparently failed to take advantage of all of its potentials.

Senator Warren McMinimee of Tillamook county told the senate that with the hundreds of miles of tidelands along rivers in his county, the land board has executed but one lease and another landowner was in litigation over the use of tidelands.

"There is something wrong with the land board," Senator McMinimee said.

Members of the state land board—the governor, the state treasurer and the secretary of state—should lose no time in making an investigation to ascertain if the land board is making all advantageous leases possible under the present law.

The senate by its action has preserved the tidelands for the school children of this and future generations. Now it is up to the state land board to do its utmost to increase this revenue through the closing of as many leases as are possible. Surely one executed lease in a county like Tillamook, which abounds with streams, is not a good record for the board.

THE PRISONERS' STORIES

Disillusionment comes swiftly whenever we think we have an advantageous deal with the Communists. It has proved so again in the current prisoner exchange.

Not that we aren't getting a few of our men back. We are. But only a handful compared with the number known to be in Communist hands. And evidently not those who are the most sick and the most seriously wounded, the ones in most urgent need of repatriation.

But from those who have already been released comes a sickening story of death marches in mid-winter, of bayonetings, of men left to die where they dropped of exhaustion, of beatings and starvation in prison camps. It is the grim story of Bataan all over again.

Now we begin to be suspicious that the Reds really don't hold the thousands of missing Americans we've assumed they had, that there have been heavy losses due to the treatment they have received. Heavy losses with Japan ended America got a pleasant surprise. Most of the war prisoners were safe and in better condition than we'd dared hope. It appears that Korea will furnish a much less pleasant revelation.

And now that the atrocity stories are coming out, the Reds may prove reluctant to release more men whose stories will shock an almost shock-proof world. Also, we suspect the Reds will concoct a few atrocity stories of their own to try to offset the facts that are being revealed by the U.N. prisoners. Fortunately only those who wish to be deceived are likely to believe the Reds.

The events of the past few days should bring wishful thinking Americans down to earth with a jerk. We've a long, long way to go before we reach a genuine understanding with this barbarous foe.

POSSIBLE EFFECT



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ike's Peace Speech to Be Used As Propaganda in Italy

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — Some times private citizens can do almost as much about peace as their government, sometimes almost a little more.

A case in point is President Eisenhower's inspiring speech proposing the use of arms money for reconstruction of the world — if Russia will show a real desire for peace.

The most important thing is to get this message across to the people of Europe, not merely behind the iron curtain but on the free side of the iron curtain.

To this end the patriotic Italian-American newspaper, *Il Progresso* of New York, will soon print the full text of President Eisenhower's speech in the Italian language and in such form that it can be clipped and mailed back to friends and relatives in Italy.

This important gesture by *Il Progresso* will have greater effects than might appear on the surface. For the chief slogan of the communists in Italy and elsewhere is that the United States is the world's chief warmonger, while Soviet Russia is the chief champion of peace. This theme has been hammered home so vigorously that a lot of people really believe it.

Therefore, to have Americans of Italian descent mail copies of Eisenhower's inspiring speech back to Italy is extremely important. Its importance lies in the fact that it will come from one friend or relative to another, not from a government.

People trust friends and relatives. They don't always trust governments.

This column would like to suggest that Polish, Hungarian, Croat and other foreign-language newspapers in the United States also print Eisenhower's speech in their language and urge that it be mailed to every country in Europe.

NO 3 FOR PEACE

Congress is spending a record three million dollars on investigations, but hasn't invested a nickel in examining the vital question of peace or war.

This was brought out the other day during closed-door cross-examination of Undersecretary of State Bevell Smith, who was reporting to the senate foreign relations committee on the new Russian peace offensive. Smith explained that the central intelligence agency had prepared a detailed analysis of Russian intentions.

"Has this been made available to the committee?" inquired Minnesota's democratic Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

"No one has asked for it," shrugged Smith.

This prompted Humphrey to propose a careful study of the new Russian government. He urged calling in all the nation's experts on Russia, and listening to their ideas. Otherwise, he argued, the senate wouldn't be qualified to carry out its constitutional duty of advising the president on foreign affairs.

However, the senators didn't seem much interested. Apparently they would rather spend money hunting headlines than

GOP TAX STRATEGY

Both republican and democratic house leaders are holding back on the Reed bill to cut income taxes—but for different reasons. The republicans want to push it through at the last minute, so the cuts will take effect before the internal revenue bureau can reduce withholding rates. This means the same amount will be withheld from salaries at first, so the tax reduction will have to be paid back in the form of refund checks.

The republicans figure these refund checks will start coming back in 1954. Thus the taxpayers will get a dramatic reminder, just before election, that the republicans cut taxes. On the other hand, the democratic strategy is to delay cutting income taxes until the GOP takes a public stand on the excess-profits tax. If the republicans let the excess-profits tax expire, the democrats will set up a clamor to reduce income taxes for lower brackets also.

It's no secret around the White House that Secretary of State Dulles is suspicious of foreign aid boss Stassen. That's one reason Dulles let Stassen down in his fight with Senator McCarthy. Inside fact is that Stassen has been doing an A-1 job, takes his work home at night, surprises associates with his knowledge of international problems. . . . Michigan's popular Gov. Mennen "Soapy" Williams is quietly researching the political record of Sen. Homer Ferguson — a prelude to challenging Ferguson's senate seat in 1954. . . . Senate appropriations boss Styles Bridges has promised his friend, John L. Lewis, to restore the cuts that Secretary of the Interior McKay made in mine safety.

Utah's fuddy-duddy Sen. Arthur Watkins seems to spend most of his time getting into petty feuds with fellow Mormons. He's now spreading a whispering campaign against Interstate Commerce Commissioner James Knudson. . . . Incidentally, Secretary of Agriculture, Benson isn't the only Mormon in high public office. Federal Communications Chairman Rosel Hyde is official greeter at the Mormon chapel in suburban Chevy Chase, Md. . . . Tariff Commission Chairman Edgar Brown is active on the Mormon high council in Washington. . . . ICC Commissioner Knudson sings hymns at church, and Utah's other Mormon senator, Wallace Bennett, teaches a Sunday-school class. . . . Dr. Allen Astin, the now-he-fired-now-he-isn't Bureau of Standards chief, is also a Mormon. So is U.S. Treasurer Ivy Baker Priest, who signs all the government's greenbacks.

KOREAN HERO
Army officials are considering awarding the nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, to Private Courtney L. Stanley, the 19-year-old Mansfield, La., Negro, whose extraordinary heroism on Korea's "Little Gibraltar" saved the life of his wounded commanding officer, Lt. Col. Harry Clark of Columbus, Ga.

Clark termed Private Stanley's one-man stand against the Reds as "the most courageous action I've ever seen." Maj. Gen. James Fry, commander of the famous second division, awarded Stanley a Silver Star on the spot. Now, however, General Fry has recommended to the higher-ups that the Distinguished Service Cross and possibly even the Medal of Honor be awarded the young hero.

OH, FOR A COMMITTEE TO END COMMITTEES
(Baker Democrat-Herald)
We would like to propose a committee to put an end to committees.

As it is now, there are committees for every other purpose in town and new ones are growing by the dozen daily. Their main purpose now seems to be to get more people out.

Everywhere that is the slogan, "Let's get more people out." Out to lunch, out to meetings, or, perhaps, just out.

The way things are going people are gotten out so often that they begin to long to be in for a change. Wouldn't it be nice to sit by the fire and read a book or listen to the radio? You can't do these things very well while you're being gotten out for some purpose.

And what happens when you're out? More than likely the committee puts you on a subcommittee to report back at the next committee meeting. At that time the members all draw deep breaths, scratch their heads and decide that what is needed after all is a sub-subcommittee to report back to the subcommittee.

By this time no one remembers what he is supposed to be doing in the first place but at least he is being civil while he is doing it. He is out, isn't he? When he might like to be in. What could he do in? He could restore himself for the next day and then maybe he wouldn't mind so much being gotten out again for some purpose more worthy than any of the worthy purposes that he has so far exhausted him in being out.

Oh, dear. Probably as long as there are people there will be committees and subcommittees and chairmen and telephone lists and matters to be hammered into one shape or another.

But wouldn't it be nice if we could all just BE for a while? Not BE anything in particular, that is, except a human being who doesn't like being gotten out every evening? Say, how about the committee? The one to put an end to committees? Who'd like to be chairman? Got a willing sub or sub-subchairman right here!

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Now You Just Have to Tell Wife Where World Has Been

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—It used to be hard to get along with a wife. Bless the Russians, that has all been changed, maybe.

All you have to do to get along with a wife now is to give the external evidence of listening to her.

Times have changed. It used to be after a husband returned from an evening of reckless adventure, he'd have to explain where he'd been.

That has all gone by the board—maybe.

A wife today—it says right here in bold English and non-truthful grammar—has a different view. She inquires where the world has gone during your rest period.

I find this only slightly harder to explain than where I have been the night before. But you have to satisfy a woman's natural curiosity about politics.

The last political remark I recall Frances making was in the late 1930s when she said acutely:

"What does this fellow Hitler really do—take the part of a country he wants and then throw the rest of it away?"

Now she has finally written Adolf off and got her dander up at Russia and I don't see how there is any possible compromise between them, strong as she is.

"I have read up on all this Communist business," she said, "and I think Karl Marx ought to drop dead, if he is trying to invent the fight rules."

"Marx has been dead for years."

"So good. It should happen to Trotsky."

"It has, dear. Marx is dead. Trotsky is dead, and—"

"And Lenin? Is he dead?"

"He's dead, too, dear. So is Stalin. Now there was a character, honey. Stalin started as a poor boy, and became a real revolutionary figure, controlled the lives of more people through fear than anybody in history."

"I'm glad he's dead. What did he die of?"

"The doctors said it was a stroke."

"Well, it probably came from his father's side. I feel sorry for his mother. I hear he had three wives besides all that Communist rubbish."

"I don't know. He's kind of like his successor—Malenkov,"

a mystery."
"Who?"
"Malenkov."
"Who?"
"Malenkov Malenkov!"
"Don't shout. You mean the fat one?"
"Yes."
"Well, you just tell him from me that anybody as overweight as he is will never get elected again."

"But, dear, he—"

"Don't dear me! Incidentally, where were you last night?"

"I guess I'll have to back-track. I started off by saying that the new feminine interest in international problems gave a fellow a breathing space."

"Tain't so. A wife's foreign policy always begins at home—in terms of her husband."

Final observance of Blossom Day, made into Blossom Week this year, finds Franklin Tulip garden on Wallace road a major attraction.

Too many perfect Marion county children will probably hold up awarding places in the healthiest boy and girl contest sponsored by the Marion county health service this year.

FEW TEARS FOR CHARLIE
(Pendleton East Oregonian)

Charley Chaplin, the Britisher who could thank citizens of the United States for the tremendous fortune he amassed in Hollywood, has announced he will make his permanent residence in Switzerland. Chaplin's genius as a comedian has established a place for some of his movies for many years to come. But few tears will be shed in this country over the departure of the man who showed almost no gratitude to the nation that made him wealthy.

"LITTERBUG" IS AT IT
(Roseburg News-Review)

We see by our favorite newspaper that Rex Barnes is complaining about people dumping garbage near his home just outside the city limits.

It's getting so that complaints of garbage dumping are as certain harbingers of spring as are the first wildflowers.

It would seem that with spring bringing to life the beauties of the Great Outdoors people would be so enraptured with the glories of nature that they couldn't bear to despoil the scene. But "litterbugs" appear to have no appreciation for anything, especially beauty or property rights.

Aumsville Crash

Aumsville — Robert Fish, Route 1, Box 244, Aumsville, received a fractured rib and numerous bruises Wednesday morning when his car collided with a Mt. Angel Creamery milk truck at Towle Corner. Richard Grassman, driver of the truck, was not injured. Fish was treated at Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton and released.

Independence band with a membership of 44 is working hard to be prepared for its appearance at the Rose Festival

Every post office in Oregon will have special cachets for national air mail week, May 15 to 21.

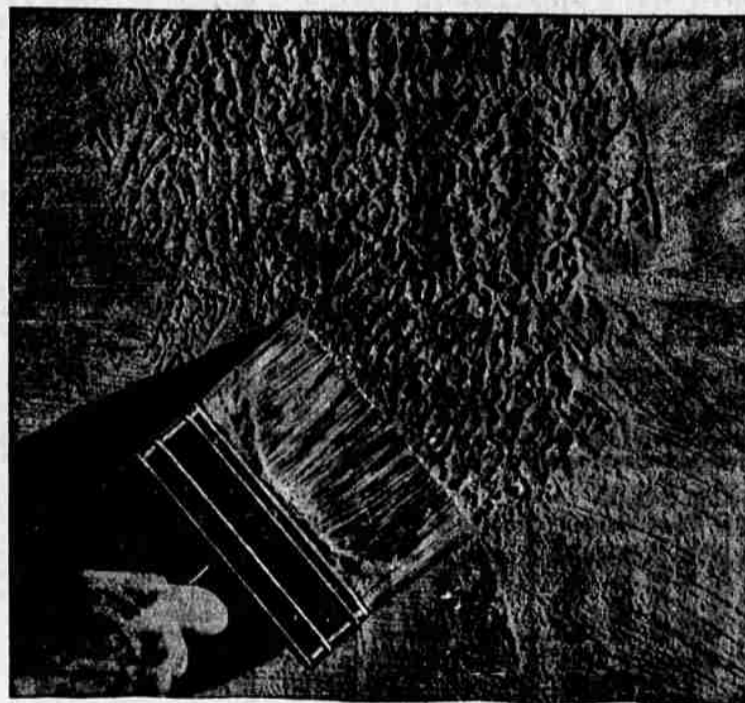
Modernization of Salem's Chamber of Commerce rooms is progressing rapidly (upstairs at 147 North Liberty street, F. D. Thielens, manager) and plans are now being made to hold "open house" about May 15.

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