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DISCRIMINATION IN COLLEGES

The Pacific Northwest Committee on Human Relations in Higher Education has just released the results of a survey of 40 colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest, revealing that there is very little racial and religious discrimination.

Questionnaires went to institutions in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. They were answered by 35 of them. They included tax supported, Protestant and Catholic church schools. The answers seem to have been given freely, with no effort to hide anything.

To summarize, there is virtually no discrimination at any point where the institution itself has anything to say, in dormitories, eating places, athletic teams, etc. Such discrimination as exists seems virtually confined to fraternities and sororities.

Here the survey shows a little but not very much discrimination in the honorary societies, but considerable in the social groups, both men's and women's. The trouble is principally that national organizations still enforce rules against admission of persons of certain races. In some instances local chapters are seeking to change these regulations. In some cases the discrimination is against all non-Caucasians, in others only against Negroes.

Only a little discrimination in the placement of graduates in teaching or other positions showed up in the answers, and it is clear that this is diminishing. There is virtually no discrimination in the employment of minority races as college faculty members.

The survey as a whole reveals a wholesome condition in the Northwest colleges, which is still improving. The changes in the past quarter century are nothing short of miraculous.

O&C GRANT TIMBER SALES

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay's report on the administration of the O&C grant forest lands in Western Oregon the past 15 years should silence the critics clamoring for drastic changes that would upset the region's apple cart. It cost nearly \$8 million to run their administration but they returned nearly seven times as much money.

Timber sales have brought in \$53.5 million, of which \$29.6 million went to the 18 counties where the timber is located. The federal government has spent only 14.5 percent of O&C revenues on administration, although the law permits 25 percent to be used for management purposes.

The lands have been under jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management since 1937. There are 2.5 million acres, once given to the Oregon and California Railroad, but later re-taken by the government because the railroad violated its agreement with the government.

Land Grant Oregon counties have been entitled to 75 percent of the sale proceeds, but legislation in the past two years has required the counties to pay the cost of access-road construction, without which the timber cannot be marketed.

So the counties got \$6,422,026 in the year ended last June, while \$1,238,000 went for administration and \$2,750,000 to access roads.

Edward Woolzley, BLM director, states he expected sales to increase from the record 511 million board feet sold in the past fiscal year. Those sales brought in \$12,229,868, of which \$1,819,342 went to the U. S. Treasury. Recent sales have been at record prices.—G. P.

RAVER'S NEW JOB

Paul J. Raver, administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration for many years, is evidently soon to leave the federal service to become superintendent of Seattle's municipal power system. He has been offered the position subject to council confirmation and has agreed to accept. Confirmation is considered certain.

The public doesn't know as yet whether pressure was exerted upon Raver to leave Bonneville, but it does not appear so, for he and Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay have apparently worked together harmoniously. However, Raver may consider his future uncertain under a Republican administration which will not push public power development as its predecessors did. Raver is strictly a public power man, though ready to administer whatever policies the administration and congress may determine.

Our understanding in that Raver has done an excellent administrative job for the government and doubtless will for Seattle, which may consider itself fortunate to have him. And another man more in harmony with the new federal program of encouraging private as well as public power development may be better suited to head Bonneville from now on.

One angle particularly interests us: What will Republican politicians gripe about now, with Raver gone?

Tighter Tax Policy

Boise Statesman

A House ways and means subcommittee has made a report urging that the income tax laws be enforced more strictly. It recommended less leniency to tax evaders, more jail sentences for fraud, and requirement of better record-keeping by taxpayers and closer accounting of deductible business expenses. The latter two points might require congressional action to write more requirements into the law for accounting records. Such a move would certainly bring some protests from business people, for the volume of records already required solely for tax purposes is a substantial burden, especially for the small business which cannot afford a staff of accountants.

Most taxpayers will agree, however, with the objective of preventing fraud and favoritism. All honest taxpayers are hurt when a few get away with tax evasion, through

either weakness or favoritism in enforcing the law. Instances of both have been revealed.

The suggestion might well be added that income tax investigation be kept more current. The normal expectation is that the investigation of a tax return will take place a year or two after it was filed. This time lag increases the burden of record-keeping for the taxpayer and the difficulty of catching the willful defrauder.

Most taxpayers, being honest, want the tax law to be enforced strongly enough to catch the dishonest.

THEY GOT OFF EASY

Columbus, Ohio (AP)—Police told Rosie Brown, 48, and her husband, Dewey, 43, they were lucky to get off with an ordinary drunk charge instead of the more serious offense of drunken driving. Officers found Rosie in a wheelchair with a cast on her leg and her husband pushing her down the sidewalk on an irregular course.

IT'S ALL CHARGED TO YOU



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

White House Insistence Irritates G. O. P. Leaders

Washington — Looks like a year; Alice Hill, \$9003 a year; George Shigekawa, \$8400. Curtis's payroll, however, is no less astounding than the procedure at subcommittee hearings, which is carefully contrived to build up a deadly case of damaging evidence against the Social Security system.

Witnesses who testified against the pension-retirement program, including a few from the department of health and welfare, were given advance copies of "loaded" questions they were to be asked at hearings. In some cases, the witnesses even rehearsed their answers with subcommittee staff members before testifying.

This may have been why Arthur J. Altmeier, former Social Security boss, who testified in defense of the pension program, angrily remarked to Counsel Winn:

"Outside of the chairman (Rep. Curtis), you are doing more to destroy the confidence of the American people in the Social Security program than anybody in the country."

POLITICO-GO-ROUND

Senator Kefauver will probably look twice before he accepts another invitation from Democratic Governor-elect Bob Meyner to speak in New Jersey. Kefauver stuck his neck out, went all the way to New Jersey to make a crusading tour of the state to elect Meyner. Then Meyner turned around, held a press conference urging Adlai Stevenson for president. . . . Adlai didn't venture into New Jersey. . . . Senator Duff of Pennsylvania, the Republican who first proposed Eisenhower for president, hasn't yet been invited to the White House. He has gone to the White House, but always on his own suggestion. . . . Several Democrats are jockeying to run for Congress from Harry Truman's home town, now represented by Jeffrey Hilleison, the Republican who campaigned as a "poor but honest" grocery clerk, and immediately after election married into the Goetz Brewing fortune. Margaret Truman has toyed with running, but now it looks as if she probably won't. Ex-Congressman George Christopher is also in the warm-up, together with Stanley Fike, assistant to Sen. Stuart Symington, and chairman of the Friendship Train committee from Truman's home town.

FAST MONEY SPENDER
 GOP Congressman Carl Curtis of Nebraska is quietly setting a new record for spending the taxpayers' money.

The gentleman from Minden, Neb., is chairman of ways and means subcommittee that is probing the Social Security program. He was voted \$100,000 for this probe, and Curtis could hardly dissipate it faster if he took a bushel basket of \$10 bills and scattered them to the capital winds. For a simple study of the old-age pension system, mostly confined to warmed-over actuarial testimony, the congressman has lined up the following fabulous payroll:

Robert Winn, an attorney, is being paid \$5000 for serving as chief counsel of the subcommittee from September 21 to December 31—or at the rate of about \$20,000 a year, the same scale paid to a justice of the supreme court.

George R. Leighton, a magazine writer formerly connected with the Senate GOP policy committee, is getting \$10,000 for research and investigative work for a six-month period from July 1 to December 31—also at the rate of \$20,000 a year.

The rest of the staff for this obscure little subcommittee is composed of actuaries, research workers, and clerks, including: James E. Finke, \$7500 for six months; Howard Friend, \$7500 for six months; Howard Metz, \$2850 for three months; W. R. Williamson, \$3000 for four months; Rita Campbell, \$9543 B. C.

Salem 41 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL
 December 11, 1912

State house personnel were trying to interpret Governor West's cheerful mood during the past two days as applied to the four hangings scheduled at the penitentiary for Friday. (Frank Garrison, Mike Morgan, H. E. Roberts and Noble Faulder were hanged. The sentence of John W. Taylor was commuted.)

New owners of the Capital Journal — the Barnes-Taber company — were advocating a better and greater Commercial club the replace the board of trade that had outgrown its usefulness.

Charles Schladitz, 58, a vegetarian, had walked across the continent, a distance of 3343 miles in 132 days. He carried a 30-pound pack, subsisted on nothing but bread, cheese, fruit and water.

H. E. "Jack" Roberts, about to be hanged at the penitentiary, had asked that his body be sold to Willamette Medical college for \$100 and the money given to his mother.

W. W. Chadwick's O.K. grocery, 156 South 12th street, had ham for 18c a pound, choice potatoes for 55c a sack and smoked salmon, two pounds for 25c.

E. H. Whiteside, 560 Ferry street, had the local agency for Lozier and R. C. H. motor cars.

Salem Furniture company, 233 Chemeketa street, advertised hall trees.

Women had been declared ineligible to serve in juries in Oregon despite the equal suffrage amendment.

Somers, Conn., was originally incorporated as a Massachusetts town in 1734 but surveyors later found it was in Connecticut.

OPEN FORUM

Answers Scio Critic Of One Way Traffic

To the Editor:
 In a letter to the Capital Journal, A. D. Bender of Scio is much displeased with Salem's belatedly installed but very successful one-way traffic system. Bender takes some wild swings at everybody concerned with it, concluding with a threat not to trade in our fair city unless we go back to old "guess where I'm going" traffic.

It so happens that the Bender letter appeared on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. That sad date marks a step-up in the killing and maiming of thousands of innocent by-standers, men, women and children.

One-way traffic control is saving daily many, many more lives than the daily losses of World War II. OWT is the carefully planned solution of the deadly results of congested streets resulting from increased automotive usage.

Has Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Bender so quickly forgotten the hectic, slam-bang, "take your life in your own hands" traffic situation here less than two years ago.

Take these locations for example: Commercial, Liberty, State and Court streets and the old Center street bridge. In these bad traffic areas there was a traffic accident reduction of over 80 per cent. This life saving record is improving as many of us learn how to use and appreciate this fine protection.

Of course, not even the most capable and comprehensive efforts of experienced engineers and traffic safety planners can eliminate the selfish damn fool driver. Not even the fool killer, for usually the DFD escapes and an innocent person is the victim. And, Bender! Why, oh why, pick upon the overworked and usually underpaid police officers. OWT has not meant, as you assert, an added opportunity for arrests and fines. No, it just adds another headache for law enforcers, because of the few drivers who can read the fine print in a grouch book at 50 feet but who can't read a five-foot sign.

Go to our police department. They will gladly show you the factual record. We are certain that here you will not find one arrest or penalty of those who inadvertently or absent - mindedly made the wrong turn. We all have to learn and there are plenty of signs and signals to aid. Your fellow drivers and passing police will signal if you happen to get in wrong.

The writer made a blunder on the second day of OWT in this city. His face was extra red but an officer kindly set him right.

It's not your policeman, it's you.

WILL CARVER, Salem.

McCarthy Criticisms Irritate This Writer

To the Editor:
 I'm getting awfully sick and tired of Mr. Putnam's rages against Senator McCarthy, and his scurrilous statements that the senator has not proved his charges. I think the senator is doing a very necessary job, and in spite of lack of cooperation on the part of government officials and the refuge of the fifth amendment he is doing a very creditable job.

Communists have infiltrated in a large way in government offices, in our schools and in our businesses, and instead of fighting the people who are doing their best to root them

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

N. Y. Apartment Means Cage Life for the Occupant

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—As our life grows more crowded, we lose, one by one, some of the things that give it deepest meaning.

The price of lack of space in New York City is the tragedy of the one-room apartment. It affords a cage-like existence for thousands of couples who cook, live, eat, sleep, entertain, fight—and sometimes die—in a single room.

The difference between an ordinary house and one of these box-like apartments is the difference between a piano and a closed accordion.

But even many of the larger luxury apartments in Manhattan now include no separate dining room. You eat in the living room or, perhaps, in something called a dining alcove. This is a landlord's term for a leftover area so small that even he doesn't have the courage to call it a room—or the sense to wall it up and make it a closet.

A dining alcove here in the paradise of the modern cliff dweller is usually described by the rental agent as "cozy." Well, Tom Thumb and his wife might find it cozy. But all a person of average size gets from a dining alcove is a haunting sense of claustrophobia and jail camp.

How can you ever have a real home without a dining room? After nearly 17 years in this concrete jungle, where your success is largely measured by the number of bathrooms you can afford, the thing I miss most is a plain, old-fashioned dining room.

Some of the pleasantest memories of my life go back to the dining room in the big old frame house of my youth in Kansas City, a house so durable it finally even wore out the mortgage on it.

The dining room was more than just a place to eat. It was a wonderful place to play on rainy days. It was the family forum, where we talked out our problems around the table at dinner, known in those days as supper. It was also the family courtroom, where Dad dispensed justice as well as boiled

out we should give them our wholehearted support. I simply can't understand Mr. Putnam's bitter rages against Senator McCarthy, and I suggest that if he can't find anything else to talk about, he might try the weather.

MRS. R. A. TILLMAN Gervais.

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