

The suspense is murder!



Sometimes the position of the man makes the sentence stiffer

Down in Oceanlake a group of citizens is working up a petition to Governor Mark O. Hatfield, asking him to exercise executive clemency in behalf of one of their fellow residents convicted of a crime. The convict is a former justice of the peace in Taft, tried last summer on two counts of forgery. The justice, a man named Benson, was charged with forging checks on the lumber company where he was employed as an accountant.

The main theme of those seeking the petition signatures, if we read the press reports correctly, is that the sentence — two three-year sentences, running at the same time, actually — is too harsh. One of the leaders in the movement put it this way to a reporter the other day:

"We don't say he's not guilty," John Othus, Neotsu, said. "But we do say the three-year sentence is exaggerated compared to things you read about in the paper. If they have influence, they get off with lighter sentences."

Benson was involved in lots of things in that coastal area. He was in addition to being an accountant and justice of the peace, the proprietor of an insurance agency, and a good church member. He must have been a busy man, indeed.

Those seeking the clemency perhaps are unfamiliar with one tendency of the courts. And that is to set stiffer sentences for a person in a position of trust or responsibility who commits a crime than might be imposed upon another citizen who commits the same crime.

A good example of this is seen

Teenage marriage

The frequently heard remark that people are marrying younger than ever is a gross understatement. Last year, 54.8% of all brides and one out of five bridegrooms in Oregon, married for the first time, came from the teenage population.

On the other side of the coin are staggering divorce statistics. Of the 853 wives under 25 years-of-age who sought divorces in Oregon last year, 615 first were married as teenagers. In other words, 72% of wives seeking divorce were married as teenagers and divorced within ten years.

Few marriages actually last ten years. The greatest number of divorces in 1962 occurred after the couple had celebrated their first anniversary, but before they had

How silly can West Coast get?

West Coast Airlines has announced a new, temporary schedule which allows Central Oregonians to leave this area early in the morning, go to Portland, and return before (just barely) the next work day. The new schedule will serve precious few passengers. West Coast probably can check with station agents at the points involved, and just let the plane sit in Portland, rather than making a useless flight.

A passenger wishing to take advantage of the new schedule will leave the Redmond airport at 3:15 a.m. (That's right, in the morning.) After a couple of stops — at Corvallis and Salem — he will arrive in Portland at 4:44 a.m. And that cer-

tainly is early enough to get in a business day in Portland, where most stores and offices don't open for business until 9 a.m., or later.

West Coast gives you plenty of time to do business, too. Don't rush. Your return plane will leave at 1:30 a.m., the next day. After the intermediate stops it will arrive back in Redmond at 3 a.m. That's 23 hours and 45 minutes after you left, making the day just a wee bit long. But it certainly does give you plenty of time to shop in Portland, where stores close about 5:30 p.m. And you don't have to hurry getting to the airport to catch the return plane.

in the handling of income tax violations by the federal courts. A lawyer, or a tax accountant, who cheats on his income tax is almost always certain to receive some sort of prison term. The same seems to be true of newspaper editors. The courts feel members of these groups occupy special positions of trust, because of their occupations. A retail clerk who cheats on income tax may quite possibly get off with paying back taxes, penalties, interest, a fine, and being put on probation. This, you might feel, is stiff enough punishment for a relatively small amount (in dollars) of cheating. But a lawyer, or accountant, involved in the same thing, almost always will be booked into a federal reformatory or prison, even if only for a short term. Newspaper editors quite likely will suffer the same fate.

One case which is being watched with some interest now is that of James M. Landis, adviser to three Democratic Presidents of this country, former Dean of the Harvard Law School, and former head of two independent government agencies. Landis was hailed into court for failure to report a large sum in income on which he should have paid taxes. The penalty will be announced soon, but it is almost sure to include some time in custody.

The amount involved in the convictions of the Taft justice of the peace may have been relatively small. But any man who sets himself up to judge the actions of his fellow man must expect a relatively stiff sentence if he transgresses himself, no matter how little.

It seems to be a vicious circle. Divorces are comparatively easy to acquire. ("Cruel and inhuman treatment" is an all-inclusive term.) Because of this, there often is little concern for an enduring relationship with another person.

There is little that can be done to stop teenage marriages and little that can be done to save them when they hit the rocks. Though counseling — through professionals, clergymen, or even parents — might be of aid, few of the youngsters involved are even adult enough to realize its benefits.

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else you care to name. Say a manufacturer of fishing rods comes up with a new product. He goes to R. L. Polk and Co., and rents their fisherman list and subsequently the advertising matter goes forward. In this case the third class mail is addressed to persons by name. But a soap company, for instance, may blanket the country with third-class mail addressed only to "occupant."

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Washington Merry-go-round

Pearson finds little change in K's position on various German problems

By Drew Pearson

GAGRA, Georgia, U.S.S.R. — The last time I interviewed Khrushchev on the shores of the Black Sea, the Berlin crisis was at its peak and he gave his ideas on the Berlin problem with considerable vigor. This time he was more sympathetic, though still emphatic that the German question was the key to European peace.

"The German question is like a case of appendicitis," he said. "Everyone understands it's harmful but the patient doesn't want to be operated on, so he walks around and aggravates his disease."

"Everyone wants a settlement on the German question. It would improve relations not only between the United States and the Soviet Union, but all countries. I am sure this is the wish of President Kennedy."

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U. S. MAILS: WORLD'S BIGGEST BUSINESS (4)

Who's most popular fellow in country? 'Occupant'—he gets all that junk mail

By Harry Ferguson

UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The most popular fellow in the whole United States is named "occupant." He gets a steady stream of mail, most of which he quickly conveys without opening to the waste basket.

This is what many embittered persons call "junk mail." The U. S. Post Office Department prefers to call it "bulk mail" and can advance several valid reasons why it is a good thing for the country.

Eighteen billion pieces of this third class mail flow into the mail boxes of Americans each year and a good bit of it does not even have their name in the address. It simply is addressed to "occupant."

Most Americans are resigned to their fate and do nothing about the things stuffed into their mail boxes, but occasionally a bold spirit revolts and takes up arms against the government. Such a one is Mrs. Robert L. Richard of Palo Alto, Calif., a sort of Joan of Arc who organized a crusade against "junk mail" by collecting 100 pounds of it and shipping it to the Post Office Department here in Washington.

Starts With Letter

"It all started with a begging letter I received," she said. "It came all the way from Alabama to Palo Alto. It contained a letter, a return envelope and two pieces of literature. It was from an organization I'd never heard of and I would never dream of contributing to it."

Mrs. Richard invited her neighbors to help and they responded by filling up her clothes basket, her garbage can, several cardboard cartons and a large box. Off went the "junk mail" to Washington where it landed with a dull thud. Nothing happened. Mrs. Richard is still getting "junk mail" and will continue to do so. Like death and taxes, it is inevitable.

The Post Office Department takes in \$94 million a year in third class mail revenue. It charges 2½ cents a piece and next year the cost will go up to 2½ cents. It probably could go much higher without discouraging the people who send out bulk mail. The whole thing has become firmly built into the structure of the American economy and its removal would result in chaos and probably a sizeable number of bankruptcies.

How It Works

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Tomorrow: Detectives of the U.S. Mails—The War Against Prognography).

"This will be a reasonable solution. It would not infringe on either of the two states, but would give them a chance to develop as they wish. We want Germany to become a socialist state. You want Germany to become a capitalist state. This cannot be arranged around a round-table." I didn't understand the translation of this and asked for an explanation.

A Table of Any Shape

"You got me wrong," explained Mr. K. "I was ironic about the roundtable. The shape of the table has nothing to do with it. It will not help us to talk at any shape table. No side will yield, so the only solution is to sign a peace treaty and let Germany work out its own solution."

"Would this mean that Bonn would give up its demand for reunification?" asked Agnes Meyer, who participated in the interview.

"Yes, this is so," replied Khrushchev, "but there again in a peace treaty we can meet the national wishes of the people and there can be unification of the two German states provided there is agreement between the two German governments."

"On what basis will they agree?" Khrushchev asked, then answered his own question: "Maybe capitalistic, maybe socialist. It is up to them to discuss and decide."

I asked him whether he and Dean Rusk made any progress in settling these matters.

"No," he replied. "We've only exchanged views. We decided not to bring up this question now, not until the test-ban treaty has been disposed of. Then we will proceed to other questions. We also decided

to pay some attention to the non-aggression pact between NATO and the Warsaw pact nations, but we didn't decide anything except to come back and discuss it all later."

Put German Question First

I asked whether there was any priority regarding which subject should be discussed first. Mr. K. replied, "these matters are not linked in any way. Of course, it would be more desirable to discuss the German question first because it is a major one. Discussion on a non-aggression pact is easier. It is a moral matter."

I recalled a conversation with Major Willi Brandt in West Berlin last year in which he advocated putting part of the United Nations in West Berlin.

"I have said we favor the deployment of part of the UN in Berlin," Khrushchev observed, "but that does not mean there will be no control at the border dividing Berlin. All states have their borders and guard them and it is time for the West to get used to that fact. East Germany will guard its border."

When I asked Khrushchev about reports that he might visit Pope Paul, he left the door open with this reply:

"Replying in office-like language, I may state that so far my plans do not include such a visit." Then he went on to say, "the late Pope John was a man of whom it might be said 'he felt the pulse of the time.' He was much wiser than his predecessor. He understood the times we live in."

Khrushchev discussed the question of mutual trust and, briefly, Red China, as will be reported tomorrow.

Few persons actually know what's in bill

By Zan Stark

UPI Staff Writer

SALEM (UPI) — While thousands of persons throughout Oregon either oppose or support a referendum of the 1963 legislature's \$60 million tax increase package, few of them know what's in the revenue bill.

The package adopted by the legislature includes three major divisions — a liberalized capital gains tax offset by increases in the corporate excise tax, a one-shot speedup of withholding tax collections to be used only if needed, and increases in personal income tax rates.

The personal income tax increase would raise an additional \$48 million. The one-shot speedup would bring in another \$12 million just before the end of the current biennium.

Income Features Listed

The main features of the new personal income tax bill are these:

—Removal of the federal income tax deduction.

—Joint treatment for head of household.

—Students allowed as dependency credit.

—Full extra credit for blind persons.

—One-half extra credit for senior citizens (over 65).

—\$22 tax credit for personal and dependence deductions.

—Unlimited medical deduction above 5 per cent of income.

—5 per cent optional standard deduction.

Fractional rates ranging from 2 to 7½ per cent.

—Base broadening via a \$5 filing fee, 1 per cent of the adjusted gross income, or the tax, whichever is higher.

Federal Tax Smaller

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As an example, take the case of a family of four with a \$5,000 income. The state tax goes up \$35, but because that is deductible from federal payments the federal tax would be reduced by \$7, reducing the out of pocket cost of the tax increase to \$28.

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My Nickel's Worth

"When men differ in opinion, both sides ought equally to have the advantage of being heard by the public." — Benjamin Franklin.

Connections denied, 'illusion' cleared

To the Editor:

In the interest of clarification and for the edification of the general public, we would like to state a few pertinent facts relative to two items of public interest and concern.

First, there is no connection personally or financially between M.R.S. Company, Inc., and the undersigned.

Second, there is no collusion between the Bend Chamber of Commerce and their off-street parking area and the undersigned.

It has come to our attention that some individuals and - or groups have been laboring under the illusion of one or both of the above untruths.

Very truly yours,
Braun Field Developers
James O. Armit
Charles W. Rickabaugh
Bend, Oregon,
Aug. 19, 1963

Other pens . . .

New friends

It's going to be interesting to see what's in store for the consumer as a result of the high-level reorganization under way in the Agriculture Department. The report from Washington is that a new assistant secretary will be put in charge of marketing and consumer affairs to expand substantially the department's consumer activities.

Perhaps this development shouldn't be any surprise. After all, the number of farms and farmers has been decreasing while the number of Agriculture Department employees has been steadily increasing. So naturally Secretary Freeman had to find something new for all those employees to do.

Anyway, putting more of them to work in the consumer's behalf sounds like a wonderful idea. For it's been the consumer who's been suffering, all these years, from the department's farm policies which have helped to boost the price of many foods higher than they ought to be. It's the consumer who also has been paying the tax bills for the Agriculture Department's costly subsidies, price supports and controls.

So the department seems a highly appropriate place for a consumer section. And if these officials really have the consumer's interest at heart, they won't have any trouble telling Mr. Freeman exactly what to do. (Wall Street Journal.)

CAT REWARDED

READING, England (UPI) — William Butler, 73, left his cat, Tibber, \$1,400 in his will because she served as a "watchdog" each night when he went out for a drink, it was disclosed Wednesday.

More and more he watches television less and less

By Dick West

UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — More and more I found myself watching television less and less. And this worried me.

Other people were watching television as much as ever. Why was I different? Was there something wrong with me?

For weeks I went around brooding about this. Meanwhile, I began losing weight. Became pale and listless. Tongue coated. The way I always get when I'm brooding about something.

Finally I asked Dr. Swizzle about it. Dr. Swizzle said I should try to analyze what was estranging me from television. He said that if I understood the problem it might make me feel better.

I did and I feel better already. Not first rate yet, but better.

It seems that I got along fine as long as the networks were bringing television into the living room. The trouble started when they began bringing the living room into television.

Looking back on it, I think the first symptoms occurred with a program called "Charade Party."

We were playing charades about five nights a week then. On the sixth night we would turn on the set and there would be people playing charades on television.

I have a mental block about what happened the seventh night. Perhaps that is just as well.

After that came a program called "Open End." People sitting around yacking, yacking, yacking. Spilling coffee and getting cigarette ashes all over everything.

caught a glimpse of my wife standing by the washing machine and telling the announcer how good the soap was. It was kind of eerie.

I might have survived all of that, might have stayed glued to the tube, except that this summer I tuned in on a new program. Bless my soul if they weren't showing home movies on television.

Home movies, the scourge of civilization. Home movies being piped right into my own living room.

I don't trust television now except when there's a ball game on. Fortunately, some of my best friends aren't ball players.

Tree Talk

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13 Pine

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

Barbs

When it finally makes you fast to live there's no sense in living too fast.

Washington is full of people who pass down the laws and jails with people who pass them up.

Nature has the best aircooling system during which we roast to pieces in the summer.

To live to be 100, drink a glass of milk every single day for 1,200 months.

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