

It's terrible how intolerant people are getting'



Legislature abdicated responsibility in not drawing up sales tax bill

Members of the Oregon Legislature have closed up shop for the time being. Most residents of the state, one gathers from the street-corner comments, are perfectly happy to have the legislators do so. The lawmakers, just as they did in the regular session earlier this year, managed to drag out their chore for a longer time than was felt necessary. By no means all of the extra length was caused by the Boardman hassle.

The Legislature, in one regard at least, abdicated what many feel was one of its prime responsibilities in the special session. This was the job of drawing up a sales tax proposal by the Legislature, to be submitted to the voters next year.

After the Oct. 15 special election, it was obvious some sort of sales tax proposal was in the works. A considerable portion of the vote against the Legislature's tax program was predicated upon the belief,

School to make friends?

California, which has more teachers, more pupils and more schools than any other state, now apparently has the largest classroom in the nation. The students like it, but we aren't sure that it should go beyond the experiment stage.

A 3,840-square-foot room in a San Jose school accommodates four teachers and 110 second and third graders who are instructed either in small groups or en masse by specialists in certain subjects.

The room is so large that the architects had to find some way to muffle the noise that emanates from 110 children. They ended up with \$7,000 worth of wall-to-wall carpet-

Out of character

The Oregon Division of the Izaak Walton League of America has taken it upon itself to stop all Oregon commercial fishermen from catching fish in the Columbia river. It is preparing a ballot measure which would stop the issuance of licenses for Oregon residents to catch fish, commercially, in the Columbia, and would prohibit the processing, in Oregon, of fish caught in the river, whether caught by Oregon residents or not.

Washington gillnet fishermen would still be able to fish the Columbia. Fish so caught could be processed in Washington. The measure would be a near death-blow to the Oregon communities and residents along the lower reaches of the river. This is probably the most consistently-depressed area, economically speaking, in the state to begin with.

Such a move is out of character for the League.

The Izaak Walton League has been one of the nation's most valuable conservation organizations. It has long fought for improvements in water supplies, not only for fish and game, but for people and industry. It has been in the forefront against

How about our animals and automation?

By Dick West
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — A great deal of high voltage brain power has been plugged into the problem of how to ease the impact of automation on the human race.

Insofar as I can determine, however, very little thought is being given to the effect that technological advancements might have on the animal kingdom.

Except for Rachel Carson, who discussed one aspect of the situation in her book "Silent Spring," we have pretty much ignored the birds and beasts.

And, as Miss Carson made so abundantly clear, it doesn't pay to cold shoulder Mother Nature.

Threat to Animals
One of the chief threats to the animal way of life is the rapidly expanding production of synthetic furs.

Consider, if you please, these trenchant paragraphs that I plucked from a fashion column published by the National Institute of Dry Cleaning:

"There is such a demand for simulated furs that the animals in the fake fur jungle are getting scarce. Manufacturers are really on a safari to fill consumer demands . . .

"Leopard is king of beasts in this year's fake fur jungle, but jaguar, ocelot, civet and snow leopard are close behind. Others that are popular are make-believe zebra, tiger, pony, calf, baranduki, otter, broadtail, mouton, mink, seal, chinchilla."

I personally never heard of anyone wearing artificial pony fur and I couldn't even find "baranduki" in my dictionary. Nevertheless, it hardly need be pointed out that the situation described above bodes no good for fur-bearing animals.

Will Be Unemployed
As simulated furs become more popular, a lot of minks and chinchillas are going to be thrown out of work. And in most cases, bearing fur is all they know how to do.

Civets probably can pick up odd jobs in the perfume industry, but the other animals will be up the creek. Particularly the otters.

Before the world becomes overrun with unemployed ocelots, it seems to me that steps should be taken to retrain furry mammals in other skills and crafts.

If leopards and zebras, for instance, could be taught to lay spotted and striped eggs they could make a killing at Easter.

A program of self-help also should be encouraged. Possibly the seals could give the jaguars juggling lessons. Which would get them on the Ed Sullivan show.

If that doesn't prevent the forest primeval from becoming a depressed area, then perhaps the animals can start growing artificial Christmas trees.

Wheat change being sought

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Johnson administration has been asked to waive the "50 per cent American vessels" requirement for one sale of U.S. surplus wheat to Communist Hungary, officials reported today.

How the administration's decision—either way—might affect recently deadlocked negotiations for wheat sales to Russia was a matter of conjecture.

The waiver request was made more than a week ago by an American grain firm to the U.S. Maritime Administration and involves a single wheat sale to Hungary.

The grain trading firm was not identified but presumably it was Cargill, Inc., of Minneapolis. Cargill is the seller in the only two wheat sales to Hungary for which U.S. export licenses have been issued—\$7.6 million worth licensed Nov. 8 and \$8 million licensed Nov. 14.

Barbs

We'll bet the kids enjoy it more than the teachers when the teachers have a day off for a meeting.

All-American football teams will be picked by sports editors who will be picked to pieces by newspaper readers.



An Illinois man wants a divorce because his wife insists that he do the laundry. He's washed up!

We've read about gold bricks but never believed anything until we got a builder's estimated cost of a new home.

Khrushchev should avoid mistake he made in first meeting with President Kennedy

By Stewart Hensley
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — If, as rumor has it, Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev is anxious for an early "get acquainted" meeting with President Johnson, he undoubtedly plans to avoid the errors he made in assessing the late John F. Kennedy after their initial confrontation.

Khrushchev, at Vienna in June 1961, mistook politeness for weakness. He told his aides he could not understand why Kennedy, head of the most powerful nation in the world, rose to his feet when Khrushchev entered the room.

The Soviet leader obviously got the impression the young President could be pushed around. The chilling nature of his demands on Berlin and other issues, and the insulting manner in which he presented them was obscured by American officials for the time. However, the conclusion Khrushchev had drawn soon became evident.

He whipped up the Berlin issue to new crisis proportion and tightened the diplomatic squeeze around the world. But his misreading of Kennedy's character became quickly apparent.

The young President took rapid steps to increase U.S. military might in Europe. He made it clear he was ready to fight for Berlin if necessary. And, possibly most important, he let Khrushchev know that the United States, despite any public confusion on the subject, knew that it had vast superiority in nuclear weapons over Russia.

These swift responses by Kennedy to crude Soviet pressure convinced Khrushchev he was up against no weakling. They made it possible for Kennedy to force Khrushchev to back down on the Cuban missile issue by the skillful application of a graduated series of pressure steps and implied threats which the Soviet leader had good reason to respect.

Since that crisis there appeared to have been a sort of tacit understanding between

Khrushchev and Kennedy about the point beyond which neither would go without risking nuclear reactivity.

Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan, during his talks last week with Johnson and Secretary of State Dean Rusk, showed extreme anxiety for reassurance that Johnson would not react either more or less violently than Kennedy had.

It is doubtful that reassurances on the "continuity" of American policy satisfied Khrushchev. He knows that the nature of the individual inevitably alters the application of policy, even when policy remains the same.

For this reason, it may indeed be true that Khrushchev would like a chance to make a personal assessment of Johnson the man. Although U.S. officials oppose such a meeting in the foreseeable future, world opinion could force it.

If it comes about, there are obvious lessons from the past to be borne in mind by both participants.

Tragic irony noted in visit of Betancourt

By Phil Newsom
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Impossible to perceive at the time, there was tragic irony in President Kennedy's greeting upon the occasion last Feb. 13 of Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt's state visit to Washington.

"You represent all that we admire in a political leader," Kennedy said.

He was addressing a man who had survived three assassination attempts and still was to survive a fourth in a nation which was the No. 1 target of Castro communism's attempt to destroy democracy in Latin America.

Yet 10 months later, it was President Kennedy, leader of the world's free nations, who was himself to fall victim to an assassin's bullet.

This week Venezuela turned an important corner.

Despite terrorist threats, more than three million Venezuelans turned out in free elections to name Betancourt's successor. It was an important triumph for Betancourt who has been determined that first, free elections be held and second, that next March he should turn his office peacefully over to the man who won.

Important Victory

It was an important victory, too, for the Venezuelan people and for the Venezuelan military who successfully had resisted the temptation to seize the reins of government and thus provide the terrorists with proof that democracy in Latin America could not work.

Now a new test involving the whole of Latin America is at hand.

Only a few weeks prior to Betancourt's Washington visit, Communist Cuba itself had made clear the importance it attached to Venezuela.

In a Havana rally marking the fifth anniversary of the overthrow of Venezuelan dictator Perez Jimenez, Cuban Communist leader Blas Roca declared that the Venezuelan rebels are not alone and that "we will continue giving them our backing every day." He added:

"When they achieve their full independence and make themselves owners of the great riches in oil, aluminum and everything their earth imprisons, then all of America shall burn. The whole of America shall liberate itself once and for all from the ominous Yankee imperialist yoke."

Clear Intent

In Roca's words were clear intent.

Yet within the Organization of American States, from whose councils Cuba already had been banned, there remained doubt. Words, they said, were not weapons.

Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay and Mexico continued to maintain relations with the Castro regime, refusing to join other American states in a diplomatic and economic blockade of Cuba.

The Castro regime itself denied vehemently that it has given other than moral support to the Venezuelan terrorists.

This week, from a cache of arms discovered on a Venezuelan beach, Venezuela presents evidence to the contrary.

Venezuela, backed by the United States, will demand that the OAS unite against Cuba under the Treaty of Rio which also is known as the Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.

NO NATIONAL PARKS

Kansas contains no national parks or national monuments, but the state does have several game preserves and a sanctuary for buffalo, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Washington Merry-go-round

Publisher deserves most credit in developing LBJ

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — A lot of people will probably claim credit for developing Lyndon Johnson. But one man who could claim credit, but won't is Charles E. Marsh, now an invalid living in Washington.

Charley Marsh was a Texas newspaper publisher when Lyndon first came to Washington, saw him as a promising youngster who with guidance could go places. Marsh gave him the guidance, also financial support.

Marsh was also a close friend of Vice President Henry Wallace, Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida, Tom Coccooran and other New Dealers. They all met together at his home.

Johnson was then an obscure secretary to Congressman Kick Kleberg of the King Ranch. But Marsh encouraged Lyndon to run for Congress on his own, later urged him to run for the Senate and again backed him.

At one time when this column published the fact that Marsh was friendly with Johnson and Wallace, Jesse Jones, then head of the RFC, pressured a Texas bank to call a \$50,000 loan which Marsh had with that bank. But that made no difference. Marsh continued loyal to his friends.

The new President of the United States will be the first to tell you how much he owes to the invalid publisher who now sits in his home at Woodland Drive paralyzed, unable to speak, watching his one-time protégé in the White House.

Texas vs. New York

The most interesting big business battle of the decade comes to a climax today (Dec. 4) in Baltimore. It's a battle between Texas oil and New York finance with overtones of huge political campaign funds and the hate atmosphere of Dallas which made that city so dangerous for a liberal statesman to visit.

The pawn in the battle is the New York Central Railway, the Missouri Pacific, and Investors Diversified Services, a \$2 billion mutual funds empire, all controlled by the Allegheny Corporation, which the Murchison family of Texas coveted but which Allan P. Kirby of New York will get.

The battle is important not only because of the huge economic stakes involved, but also because of the political background. It illustrates how big business has got into big politics, also into sowing the seeds of suspicion and hate. Finally it involves one of the all-important loop-holes in the tax laws, the 27 and 1/2 per cent oil depletion allowance, which Lyndon Johnson as a senator from Texas, understandably championed. No man could be elected from Texas without so doing. As President he will look at the tax-loop-hole from the viewpoint of all the 50 states.

Let it be said that the Murchison family has been recent backers of both Johnson and Kennedy; nor have they subscribed recently to the hate campaigns of other Texas oil millionaires. They have even sponsored some liberal causes.

Seeds of Suspicion

But the seeds of suspicion when backed by cold Texas cash are hard to weed out, and it was Clint Murchison who, with his wife, put up \$10,000 to

back Sen. Joe McCarthy in defeating Sen. Millard Tydings of Maryland in one of the worst smear campaigns of the past decade.

"He (Tydings) was tolerant of a bad situation, white washing those Communists in his committee," said Murchison, in explaining why he sent the \$10,000 all the way to Maryland.

It made no difference that when Sen. McCarthy himself took over the probe of the State Department he could find not one single Communist.

Another Senate investigating committee did find, however, that part of Murchison's money was "short-circuited" to pay for a fake tabloid showing Tydings posing with Earl Browder, the Communist leader. The Senate Committee described this as "disgraceful simple decency and common honesty, was designed to create and exploit doubts about the loyalty of Tydings."

Murchison also sent money all the way to Connecticut to help McCarthy defeat Sen. William Benton, the one senator who had the courage to ask for McCarthy's censure. All this was made easy by oil money and the 27 1/2 per cent depletion allowance.

Shrewd Scotsman

Most sections of the United States, especially the North, have now got over that campaign of suspicion and hate. But certain parts of the South and West have not. Suspicion, when backed by plentiful supplies of tax-free money, can permeate a community for a long time, and Dallas still remains the hate capital of the USA.

Two years ago, looking for more worlds to conquer, the Murchisons tried to extend their influence to Wall Street. They had already branched out from oil to motels and movie drives, to the Martha Washington Candy Co., Royal Gorge Amusement Co., in Colorado, Field and Stream. The Henry Holt Publishing Co., Atlantic Life Insurance in Richmond, The Transcontinental Bus System, second only to Greyhound, and for a time two race tracks at Charles Town, W.V., and Del Mar, Calif.

But in the proxy battle for control of Allegheny, the Murchisons backed a shrewd Scotsman, Allan Kirby, biggest stockholder in Woolworth, International Tel and Tel, and Manufacturers Hanover Trust.

The Murchisons borrowed money, hired public relations experts, put up a spectacular proxy fight, and won the first round. They took over Allegheny. But Kirby remained loyal to his chief executive, Charles T. Ireland, who continued the battle. The Murchisons were over-extended. This week in Baltimore Kirby will take back complete control of Allegheny.

UNVEIL AIRPORT PLANS

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI) — Plans for a \$66 million terminal building for the Rhein-Main Airport were unveiled today. Officials said the building would include docking space for 70 jetliners and a moving sidewalk for passengers.

The Y-shaped building will have a multi-storied garage for cars.

It's Another World

Council still functioning

By Elizabeth Chenoweth

During the summer, I wrote many articles concerning the Teenage Recreation Council. Many people think that since the summer is over the council has melted and nothing is being done by it. This is not so.

During the summer, the council put on dances at the multi-purpose recreation area in Juniper Park, and one final dance for the summer in the Elk's basement.

Now the council with the aid of Mr. Genna and Miss Swanson is planning many activities for the winter. Of course, this can only be carried out as long as the teenagers really want the council and are willing to work for it.

So far this winter the council has put on a Hootenanny for Halloween which was very successful. With the help of Mr. Genna, the council is building a fort in Juniper Park for the youngsters in Bend. Every teenager that is interested in doing something fun and at the same time constructive is invited to come any time on Saturday, stay as long as he or she wants to, and work on the fort.

The teenage council was set up so that every teenager could voice his opinion as to what he would like to do for recreation. The meetings are held every two weeks on Monday nights from 7:30 p.m. until 8 or 8:15 at the City Hall. Any teenager who has ideas concerning new things to do, who would like to help organize and work on the activities, or who would like to see what the council is like is welcome to come to the meetings.

Now no teenager has the right to say "There is nothing to do here in Bend."

Traffic moving over rail line

JEFFERSON, Ore. (UPI) — The main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. was opened here Tuesday night after being closed 15 hours by a derailment.

Twenty-nine cars of a 73-car Southern Pacific freight train were derailed early Tuesday. A spokesman for the company said a burned out axle bearing caused the accident.

Trains were re-routed over other lines.

Shakespearean Cast crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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