

'On the other hand, think of the alternatives'



Simple fact of matter is that justices of peace are now judicial anachronisms

The Deschutes county court has, within the next few weeks and months, a chance to make a change for the better in the administration of justice in a portion of the county. It has a chance to abolish the office of D. L. Ellis, justice of the peace for the north end of the county.

This is said without intending, in any way, to criticize Ellis, or the way he has conducted his justice court. The simple fact of the matter is that justices of the peace are judicial anachronisms. There is less and less excuse to have a person without legal training sitting in judgment on the liberty and property of his fellow man. There is particularly little excuse in such an arrangement when a law-trained judge is ready, willing, and able to take on the duties, as in this case.

There will be two main arguments for maintaining the status quo. One is that a JP in Redmond is a necessity from the convenience standpoint. But, this is specious reasoning. Not very long ago the entire county was served by a district attorney who lived in Redmond, devoted part-time to the job, and maintained his county office in Bend. There is no reason to believe the justice district could not receive adequate service from a judge whose main office is in Bend.

The second argument was voiced by Commissioner Fred Shepard, when he said "I think the state police would just as soon have it that way," referring to the present justice court arrangement.

Perhaps we have a different opinion than Commissioner Shepard upon the place of a court system in our society, whether it be a justice court, a district court, or a Supreme Court.

There is no doubt the Oregon State Police, and other police agen-

cies, prefer to have a person without legal training sit in judgment over the cases they bring to court. Most such cases are relatively minor; most defendants do not have the services of an attorney. The sole guardian of their rights is the judge.

The courts do not belong to the state police, or the city police, or the sheriff's office, or the lawyers, or the FBI. They belong to the people. They exist for two reasons. One is to settle, by peaceful means, disputes between people, through civil suits. The other is to protect the majority of the people from misdeeds committed by the minority. These usually are criminal charges. But they have no more rights, and by right should have no more influence, upon the court than has the accused.

Any reasonably intelligent person can get copies of various state statutes, which define crimes and their punishments, and apply them to charges brought in justice court. For this reason the justice court system lasted longer than needed. But, in recent years there has been a growing body of common law, arising through the decisions of judges, having to do with the rights of the accused when arrested. Without in the least criticizing any present or former justice of the peace, we can say without fear of successful contradiction that no person not possessed of legal training can keep up to date in this latter, and more important, field of the law.

For this reason, if no other, the present justice district should be abolished. As it turns out there is another, and sufficient, reason for the switch. The district judge is available. The county could save a substantial sum by eliminating the justice of the peace district. To do so it must act soon.

The 24th Amendment

The 24th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has become law of the land, having been approved by the Congress and ratified by the necessary number of the States. It provides that no person shall be required to pay a poll tax in order to vote in an election for President or Vice President of the United States.

It will not necessarily, of course, end the fight over voting restrictions

on Negroes in some states. While five states charge poll taxes, and will continue to do so for some time, at least, in state elections, most of the restrictions are upon registration procedures.

What now remains to be seen, for example, is whether Texas will continue to exact a poll tax in state elections, when federal officials are upon the same ballot, as they will be this fall.

Floating down river

If the Bend Chamber of Commerce is looking for talent to use in next summer's Water Pageant program, it needn't look much further than around this area.

Next year's theme will center around folk music. The Water Pageant committee is exploring the possibility of hiring a nationally-known folk-singing group. This is all well and good.

But there are some pretty fair folk-singers and hootenanny types

in this area too. Why not make use of them, perhaps as float performers?

Quotable quotes

Immediately as you begin to legislate, you will have prohibition. — Dr. Oscar Auerbach, a leading government medical investigator, advocating education as a means to curb cigarette smoking rather than legislation.

Suicide in the United States (3)

Best expert guess is that 150,000 Americans attempt suicide each year

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of five dispatches on suicide by the national reporter of United Press International. It deals with the persons who try suicide and fail.)

By Harry Ferguson
UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A man drove his automobile to the middle of a bridge near Fort Lee, N.J., climbed to the rail and prepared to leap to his death. A police car drove up, an officer got out and shouted to the man:

"Come down from there or I'll shoot."

The man came down, got into his car and drove away. Nobody knows for sure how many Americans attempt suicide every year, but the best expert guess is around 150,000. Many of them, like the man on the bridge, don't really want to die

but feel compelled to take the preliminary steps toward self destruction. They hope somebody will catch them in time.

Three-fourths of the Americans who attempt suicide and fail are women. A majority of them are under 35 years of age. A firm clue as to whether they really want to die can be found in the method they choose. Almost none of them uses a gun or leaps from a high place because those methods are the most likely to succeed. Instead, they cut their wrists or take barbiturates.

What is the motive? A study by the Suicide Prevention Center in Los Angeles and published by the National Institute of Mental Health discusses it this way:

Motives for Suicide

"Sometimes the motive behind a suicide attempt is to communicate some message to another person or to change the

behavior of other people... a suicide attempt may be made in an effort to make a spouse or parent or sweetheart change his actions in some way. Or it may be an angry effort to strike back at someone or to persuade him not to take an unwanted action, such as divorce or separation.

"The individual whose private life is so unhappy that he thinks of suicide as a way out usually does not recognize that such behavior increases his difficulties by arousing guilt and hostile feelings in those closest to him. Even though a suicidal attempt may frighten or persuade a loved one into a temporary change of behavior, it does not correct the basic difficulties."

There seem to be thousands of persons who have an unconscious desire to kill themselves and manifest it by having numerous accidents. The National

Safety Council notes that some persons have as many as seven automobile accidents and the significant thing is that there is a strong tendency for them to repeat the same type of accident.

Denies Desire

A person repeatedly involved in accidents usually denies with great heat that he has an unconscious desire to die, but psychiatrists see a definite relationship. The odds against a person having seven automobile accidents, for instance, are about 9,000 to one. The odds against repeating the same type of accident are astronomical. The inevitable conclusion by the experts is this: Thousands of accidents don't happen; they are caused deliberately.

There is no guarantee that a person who has been unsuccessful in a suicide attempt will

not try again. Nor is there any certain cure for suicidal tendencies as psychiatrists well know. There are hundreds of cases of persons who have undergone treatment, are presumed to be cured and released. They promptly go home and kill themselves.

The greatest factor against suicide and suicide attempts is the law of self preservation. Nobody can possibly measure the number of persons who have loaded a revolver, put it to their heads and then changed their minds. And, as interns in every emergency hospital in the nation well know, even people who have really tried to kill themselves frequently beg for help to live as they are wheeled in on the stretcher.

Next: Methods of committing suicide.

Washington Merry-go-round

LBJ plans to seek federal cash for parochial schools

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — Some of LBJ's old friends say that there must have been too much noise around the Dallas airport when Lyndon took the oath of office as President of the United States.

Perhaps he didn't hear Judge Sarah T. Hughes correctly when she administered the oath to uphold the Constitution.

Because Lyndon has just about decided to disregard one of the most sacred provisions in that Constitution — separation of church and state.

He is planning to propose federal money to parochial schools. This is something John F. Kennedy, a Catholic, never did, nor has any other President of the United States. They have been clear-cut and unequivocal about upholding the Constitution.

In the past two years the Supreme Court has been overwhelming and emphatic that previous Presidents were right, by writing strong decisions against government prayer in public schools. If government-written prayer is taboo, even more unconstitutional is government money for religious schools.

However, some advisers have been telling LBJ that to win the big city Catholic vote, he has to depart from the precedents of other Presidents and courts.

Other Pens...

Suntan?

It just isn't a good idea to get glib about money with George Annala.

He's the former legislator who now is manager of Oregon Tax Research, a long-established private research outfit which subsists from the donations of a diverse group of businesses.

And he hasn't been convinced by the explanations which followed last fall's trip to Hawaii at taxpayer expense by a dozen legislators and public officials.

The reasoning, some of the happy travelers said, was that they wanted to get the members of the legislative conference meeting in Hawaii to next time. So many Oregonians went because it was thought that an assault in force would be needed. The travel and living expenses, they explained, would be well repaid by the spending that would accompany such a meeting in Oregon. A Portland paper, defending the junketers, said "the \$7,500 (spent by the Oregon delegation) will be returned to the state many times over."

So Annala started checking.

First, the group didn't spend as much as it thought — only \$4,634.13.

Second, if the conference were held in Portland and attended by 1,000 outsiders, each of whom spent the unlikely amount of \$500, half a million dollars would be left in the state.

But, Annala points out, if the merchants who took in this money were lucky enough to keep 10 per cent as profit (which few are) they would pay only \$1,300 of it in state taxes — presuming that they are merchants in an average tax situation. If all the merchants on the receiving end previously during the year had reaped a bonanza and were paying at the maximum rate the state would get \$2,700.

to say nothing of the Constitution.

FBI's Failure

The FBI was irate over this column's disclosure on December 2, 1963, that the FBI, though fully aware of Lee Oswald's presence in Dallas, had failed to report him to the Secret Service in advance of President Kennedy's arrival. This, I stated, was an important factor in the death of the late President.

This week, William Turner, for ten years a G-man, reports in Sage Magazine: "Lee Oswald... was probably aided by jealousy and lack of cooperation and communication between law enforcement agencies..."

"I learned that a Dallas FBI agent had especially interviewed Oswald only ten days before the assassination. I also learned that eventually the FBI did give the Secret Service a 'risk list' of people the Bureau feared might harm the President. But, Oswald's name was not on it."

Yet, as this column reported on December 2, 1963, Oswald had gone to Russia to take up permanent residence there, gave it up as too difficult, became a Castro enthusiast, had recently tried to get a Cuban visa.

The unexplained FBI failure to report Oswald to the Secret Service remains one of the most tragic chapters in the death of John F. Kennedy.

Congress Starts to Move

The Republicans at long last have seen the handwriting on the walls of Congress. It looks as if the Kennedy-Johnson legislative program, under the whip of LBJ, is going to proceed with almost assembly line smoothness in the House of Representatives — beginning tomorrow.

Tomorrow (January 30) the House Rules Committee will report out the much debated civil rights bill, will begin debate Friday, and even continue debate Saturday, there is a commitment that debate will even continue the following Saturday until the bill comes to a vote.

Rep. Howard Smith, the distinguished Virginia Dixiecrat, who sits supreme on the House Rules Committee, doesn't like this procedure a bit. And on previous occasions he's ambled off to visit the cows on his five dairy farms in Virginia. But this time the 80-year old czar of the Rules committee isn't going cow visiting. He's a realist. He knows when he's beaten, and he's staying right here.

The reason Judge Smith knows he's beaten is that the Republicans have told him so. They have decided that the party of Abraham Lincoln had better act and talk like Lincoln, especially on the eve of his birthday. They know the civil rights bill is going to pass, figure they might as well get credit for it, and if possible blame Southern Democrats for foot-dragging.

Meanwhile in the Senate, the tax bill is due to be whipped into final shape and reach the Senate floor by the end of this week. It could be held up by southern senators as a concealed filibuster against the civil rights bill; because if the Senate is busy discussing taxes, it can't take up civil rights. In this case, LBJ will have to get on the telephone again.

However, thanks to his goading and thanks to sour public reaction to the 88th Congress, it has finally begun to move in the House of Representatives.

It's another world

Snow has both its good and bad aspects

By Elizabeth Chenoweth

Snow is coming and going these days. Some people enjoy it and some can't wait for spring. Usually it comes when no one expects it. For instance, most people were looking forward to a white Christmas. What happened? It snowed the day after Christmas. Of course, this may just have been a confusion on the part of Mr. Blizzard (someone ought to fire him!), but still it was a terrible disappointment. Also on days when you are looking forward to going to a basketball game or out on a date, it snows so you can't go anywhere.

Now these were only a few of the bad points. One of the worst things that happens during the winter is on a day when you are planning on seeing someone very special at school. You step out on your porch, which is covered with ice and snow, and fall flat on your face. You end up looking like a transportable mud puddle.

These were only a few of the bad points, but there are many good points too. For instance, snow offers a great scene for catching a boy. One way is by looking very wet and miserable when you see the boy you like and then making some comment like, "Would you help me a minute? I have some snow in my shoe and I can't get it out while holding my books." Then while you have him carrying your books for you, you have a hard time standing up so he will have to give you some assistance. This, of course, does the trick.

Snow also offers great opportunity to have fun. Skiing of course is a blast if you can afford it. Mt. Bachelor is so close that it is practically a sin not to be able to ski. Sledding is also an enjoyable sport that is too often overlooked. Then there are the less heard of sports such as tobogganing and inner tubing.

The point about the snow that is probably the most enjoyed angle of all by teachers and students alike is the fact that when it snows heavily the schools are closed.

Snow has both good points and bad points, but we should be very grateful that we even get a little snow. There are many places on this earth where people are dying due to the lack of water and would do anything to be able to receive the water we get from our snow.

Remember: Make the best with what you have, and you will never be sad.

S. Viet Nam raps France

SAIGON (UPI) — South Viet Nam charged today that France has encouraged the "expansion of Chinese communism" in Southeast Asia by establishing diplomatic relations with Red China.

The foreign ministry communique said South Viet Nam "reserved the right to take subsequent measures to cope with the new situation arising from this unjustifiable action."

The communique did not specify the "subsequent measures," but government sources indicated these could include economic measures against French interests in this former French colony.

The Council of Notables, an advisory body to the junta and the provisional government, called last week for a suspension of diplomatic relations with France.

But government sources said such a move was highly unlikely in the near future.

African upsurge by Commies dates from last Nov. 19th

By Phil Newsom

UPI Staff Writer

Last Nov. 19, the Congo government seized and reportedly beat two Soviet diplomats returning to Leopoldville from Brazzaville across the Congo River. Two days later, the Congolese summarily expelled the entire 100-member staff of the Soviet Embassy in Leopoldville.

The charges were that the Russians were trying to undermine the regime of Premier Cyrille Adoula.

By coincidence or not, it marked the beginning of a Communist upsurge on the Dark Continent which in recent days and weeks has seen a leftist revolt succeed in Zanzibar, violence spread to Tanganyika, Uganda, Kenya and Libya, and the tightening of so-called Marxist rule in Ghana.

In the Congo itself, terrorism at the hands of half-naked painted youths under Communist leadership has spread to three southern provinces, with death to at least three Belgian priests and to an American woman missionary.

Familiar Story
The sad trek of white refugees seeking escape from black African violence is an all-too familiar story in the Congo.

The thin veneer of civilization and the long way to go before there can be any hope of orderly development among many of the emerging new African nations is one thought to be drawn from the current wave of violence.

Another is the further illustration that no matter what

Barbs

A woman of 90 and a man of 89 were married and divorced a week later. We know who she didn't go home to.

Don't tell your friends about your wealth and don't leave it untold on your income tax report.



When a fellow has a suit for every day in the week keeping it pressed makes it look a lot better.

See how many times you can fold a dollar bill, men. And then watch how quickly your wife can still find it.

Auto Trip

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may be the differences between the Soviet Union and Red China, the graduates of their schools of subversion and violence work well together.

In Kwilu, Kwango and Kasai provinces of the Congo, the terrorists are said to be led by one Pierre Mulele, one-time ambassador to Cairo for the deposed leftist secessionist government of Antoine Gizenga.

Gizenga, Moscow trained, has been in jail for the last two years.

Mulele received much of his training from the Communist Chinese.

Government raids on guerrilla training camps have turned up an odd mixture of Chinese Communist literature and explosives along with Russian clothing and Soviet-made cameras.

Slowed Communist Drive
The history of the Communist effort in the Congo goes back to the early days of Congo independence in July, 1960, and the hectic and short rule of the slain Patrice Lumumba. The United Nations presence and the emergence of an anti-Communist government in Leopoldville slowed but did not halt that drive.

Reduced U.N. forces continue to be the protectors of what stability there is in the Congo but they are scheduled to depart early next summer. Meanwhile, the Congo's own vast size, its agricultural and mineral riches and its accompanying lack of communications and any real cohesive force make it a natural target for Communist subversion.

It is in constant economic difficulty, deprived of national income both by smuggling and graft.

When the U.N. departs it will be up for grabs, with the Soviet Union and the Red Chinese among the foremost competitors.

\$42 RICHER

LONDON (UPI) — A North London bank would like to have more "customers" like the two who showed up Tuesday.

After two bandits snatched a handful of five-pound (\$14) bank notes, the bank discovered it was 15 pounds (\$42) richer.

The bandits had put 50 1-pound (\$2.80) notes on the counter to be changed into fivers. And they grabbed only seven 5-pound notes (\$38) — leaving the 50 pounds (\$140) behind on the counter.

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