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The outlawing of communism as a political party and a legal definition of what communism is, is the purpose of a resolution introduced by Representative McDonough of California, the passage of which he insists is urgent, needed to combat "insidious influences and their effects on the people of the United States." The California congressman asserts that there is no clear definition of what communism is and as a consequence many people are being misled into acceptance of theories and ideologies the true meaning of which they do not understand. Communism, he says, is not a political party and it should not be recognized as such by any state in the union.

The definition offered by Mr. McDonough in his resolution reads: "That communism be defined to be not a political party, but is an international conspiracy and an anti-Christian ideology which advocates and practices deceit, confusion, subversion, revolution, and the subordination of man to the state, and which has for its purpose and intention the overthrow of any democratic form of government by force and violence, if necessary."

With this premise established as a law of the land, it is resolved "That any person, either citizen or alien, adhering to or expounding the purpose and intentions of communism should be exposed as an enemy of the United States and dealt with accordingly."

Agents of communism, and in many cases their unsuspecting adherents, are expounding their views in schools, in the press, through the radio, and in motion pictures, McDonough asserted and he believes the time has come when congress should take steps to eradicate this menace to the American form of government. States, also, he insists, should review their statutes and conform with the example which he wishes congress to set in dealing with subversive elements in this country, on the ground that "freedom and liberty as we know them cannot tolerate communism."

Other members of congress have declared that there are more than 100 known communists employed in the various branches of the federal government and that efforts to bring about their dismissal have been unavailing, partly because of the protection afforded by the civil service law. Even exposure of communistic affiliation by the un-American activities committee has failed to rid government payrolls of men and women whose loyalty, if not actually disproved, is at least subject to serious question, the California congressman said.

The eight to ten million dollars a month now being spent by the United States to maintain refugees and displaced persons in the American zone in Germany will be reduced when the international refugee organization, now being perfected at Geneva, takes over from UNRRA the charitable work performed by the latter, but the burden will not be materially lightened for American taxpayers since 45.75 percent of an initial contribution of \$71,050,000. How long this contribution is to be continued and to what extent it will relieve the army's work in the American zone has not been stated. Great Britain has agreed to subscribe 14.75 percent of the required fund and even China and the Philippines have agreed to pay a share of the cost. Altogether ten nations have joined and it is expected that others will agree to aid.

A disconcerting feature of the refugee problem in the merged American and British zones, where about one million persons are being cared for, is that fourth of them are Poles, White Russians and Ukrainians, most of whom refuse to be repatriated because they fear to return to their former homes.

At a cost of \$175,000,000 annually, Representative Landis of Indiana has introduced a bill for federal aid to give to each elementary and high school teacher an

LeRoy Wright To Be General Manager

LeRoy Wright has accepted a position as general manager of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league show at The Dalles, which will be held late in May of this year. He is not to be manager of the racing and amusement features of the show which are to be handled otherwise, says Mr. Wright.

The show is sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Wheat league for the purpose of encouraging feeding of wheat to calves, hogs and sheep and prizes are to be given by that organization. The 1947 show will include 122 steers, 62 hogs, and 38 lambs with a possibility that the number of hogs and lambs will be increased. The following counties will be exhibiting at the 1947 show: Walla, Baker, Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Sherman and Wasco.

The Frank Wink auction yards have been secured in lieu of new facilities to hold the show this year. An architects prospective has been completed which graphically shows the location of the livestock show buildings showing ring, dormitories, grandstand, paddock, athletic fields, race track, race barns and all other features in detail.

An effort is being made to have the show added to the list of stock shows that receive money from the racing fund. At present the state fair and the Pacific International get 3 1/4 percent each. The Roundup and the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union 5 percent and the Roseburg Turkey show 1 1/2 percent for a total of 75 percent. The county fairs get 25 percent and the surplus.

Recently the surplus has been so great that county fairs have received \$2955 for 1946 whereas it was originally figured that they would get around \$500 to \$700 per year, this on the basis of \$100,000 in racing receipts.

Sponsors of the show hope to provide other entertainment than the stock show during the three days set aside for the event. The furnishing of buildings is another chore The Dalles faces and which it has not until recently, done much about.

Lyle Wallan Killed On Speeder

Funeral services were held in Pasco, Wn. Tuesday for William Lyle Wallan son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wallan of Moro. He was killed on a speeder last Saturday afternoon, March 8, near Pasco as he was going to his home at Kahotus, Wn. Interment was to be at Ontario, Oregon.

Mr. Wallan was born in Moro in 1910 and lived here a part of his life. Besides his widow he leaves two sons and a daughter; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wallan of Moro and a brother Leland.

Many Attend Rebekah Convention

Lupine Rebekah lodge No. 116 was hostess to the members of District 21 for their annual convention held in Moro March 8th. Members were present from Kent, Grass Valley, Wasco and The Dalles.

Deputy Chairman Leona Douma called the convention to order and was later elected as chairman. Marian Wilson, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon was an honored guest paying an official visit here. She was accompanied by Lela Ramsey of Madras. There were 67 attending the afternoon session, at which time Belle Conlee of Moro gave the address of welcome and Lena Brock of Wasco, the response. A lovely banquet was served in the church dining room at the close of the afternoon meeting.

The evening session was opened by Lupine lodge No. 116 and the president, Marian Wilson was then introduced, followed by the conferring of the Degree by the Grass Valley Lodge No. 118 upon four new candidates for membership. There were 98 members present.

The 1948 convention will be held in Wasco with Lena Brock, chairman, Nan Wilson, vice-chairman and Sadie Rich, secretary.

Legislative Progress Slow In Salem Session

**Taxation Problems
Delay Lawmakers; School
Distribution In Senate**

The legislature is still beset with the problem of how to raise enough money for the next biennium. The state's method of handling its finances is one that is difficult to understand and explanation of it requires a bit of time. What is needed is general fund money which means new taxes for regular levies are a property tax which may or may not be offset by income and excise taxes. It may be possible to effect a transfer that will settle the problem.

So far it has not been solved and few new taxes have been devised. The lowered income tax exemptions, the increased excise tax bills have been laid on the table in the house taxation committee but they may have to be used. The ten percent tax on liquor would raise around \$4,000,000 which would help, but that bill is also on the table. The business tax has also been by-passed and it may be needed as well.

It appears that the taxation worries of the legislature will be the thing that prolongs the session. Yet there are other worries. For instance the welfare situation is not good and the job of getting that budget down to the limits of the state's finances is not getting along very well. The people who get their money from the state in unemployment compensation, workmen's compensation, welfare or from the federal government in social security, make budgeting very hard. They constantly get more money and it is constantly harder to get. Roads and many other public activities are curtailed in costs because of these.

School costs have to battle with them for money but this situation was relieved by the passage of the basic school bill. The effect will be temporary for the teachers are going to get all the extra money and leave nothing for school boards to build new buildings or provide better education.

The school bill for distribution of the \$15,750,000 is now in the senate committee on education together with the congressional district bill. Another house bill's provisions are also receiving attention.

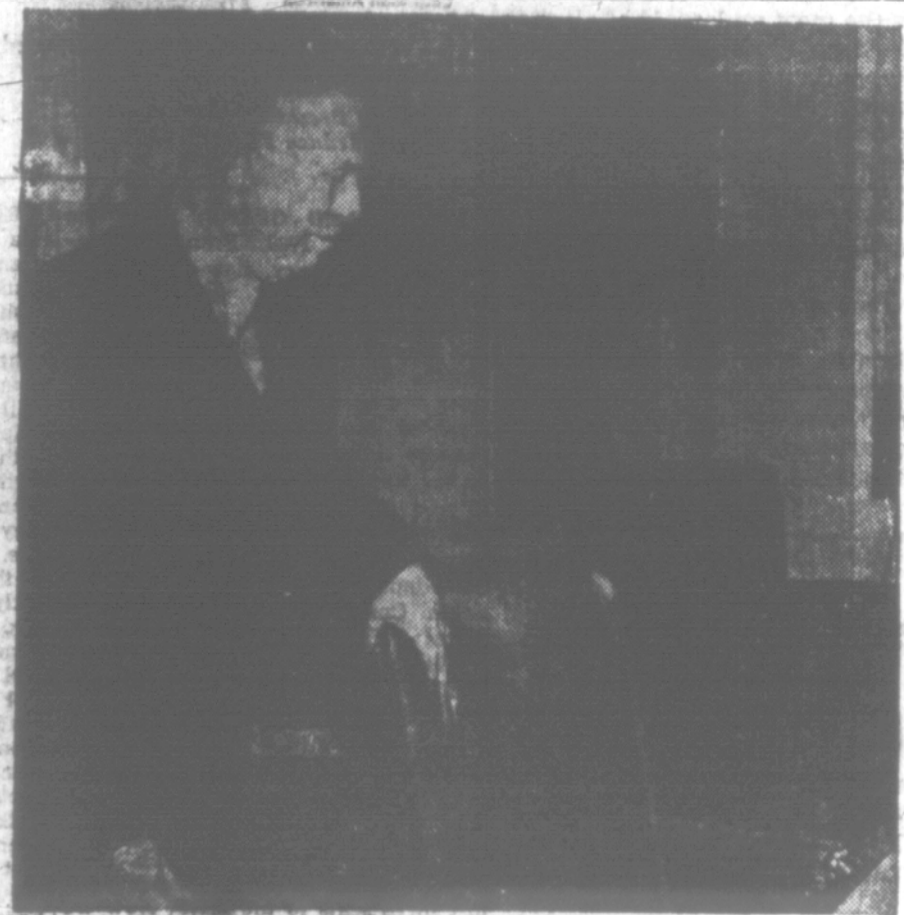
What may come out of it cannot be foretold, but it is likely that a less drastic method of equalization will be found. Certainly the senate committee is not so set on millage equalization as was the house committee. The needs of educational equalization are being considered for the first time in the session.

The legislature has passed SB-99, which gave the Idaho Power company a chance to build a plant on the Snake river, but the house committee on utilities still has two other power bills, one to require a certificate of necessity and convenience before any new electrical installation could be made, and another to provide for dissolution of Public Utility Districts. The throughway and zoning bills have passed the senate and will likely pass the house. Some parts of the state need them but there is much opposition to them from some sources. To the residents of the 22nd district they are pretty much an academic subject but folks around Portland, Eugene, Salem and Klamath Falls find them most important.

The big truck bill went sailing through the senate with very little debate and not a single NO until the last name on the roll call. Now comes the bill that will provide a new tax on trucks, and while it passed the house easily enough it may be amended upwards in the senate. The scale of payment stops at 48,000 pounds although 72,000 pounds are now permitted. Fur may fly over this before the end.

There has been little activity along the liquor front and the expected bills to reduce the authority of the commission are not being pushed. A recent supreme court decision which said clearly and positively that the selling of liquor was a privilege and not a right may have helped to stop this kind of legislation.

The horses and the dogs are getting ready to square off against one another as the horse



MARSHALL TAKES OVER . . . After conferring for an hour with President Truman, Secretary of State George C. Marshall, above, prepared to take himself in the office at desk vacated by his predecessor, James F. Byrnes. Marshall has stated definitely that he is not interested in politics—and meant that he would not run for president, "and if elected would not serve." Both parties, as well as the world, were assured that his office would not be a political football.

Many Countians Attend The Rufus Grange Meeting In Rufus

Rufus Grange opened Thursday, March 6, in regular session with Master Vernon Miller in the chair. It was voted on that Mrs. Grace Medler be reinstated. Ross Gullford reported on the advancement of the Chemistry Plant in The Dalles; he also passed hard candy that was made from glucose, around for the Grange members to sample.

The third and fourth degrees were put on for the new candidates for Harland-View and Rufus; Claide Higley, Mrs. Ealing and Miss Florence Gentry from Harland-View, and Mrs. Stacy Wilson, Joe Morris and Mrs. E. C. Eaton from Rufus. Other visiting Grangers making the trip from Harland-View to Rufus were, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bruckert, Mrs. Higley, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bruckert, Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belshie, Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sathers and daughter, Leona, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Miller, Mr. Ealing and Mrs. Daisy Belshie of Moro. There were about 60 people present in all.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers was in charge of the supper which was served at the close of the meeting. It consisted of sandwiches, vegetable salad, potato chips, cake, jello and coffee.

Mrs. William Macnab was hostess to the Community Sewing club on Wednesday, March 5. Election of officers was held; outgoing officers were, pres., Mrs. William Macnab and secretary treasurer, Mrs. George Fox. The new officers are Mrs. Leland Medler, president, and Mrs. Gordon Reid, secretary-treasurer. Those present at the meeting were Mrs. Gordon Reid, Mrs. Geo. Fox, Mrs. Leland Medler, Mrs. James Fox, Mrs. Don Macnab, Mrs. Vernon Miller, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. Kenneth Fridley and the hostess Mrs. Wm. Macnab. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee were served at the end of the meeting.

Miss Phyllis Isachsen, Ray Jewel, Mr. and Mrs. Knighton were Wednesday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams.

Jim Tate, Vernon Miller and Delos Williams, the Executive committee of the Rufus Grange met at Wasco Friday evening to sign the Articles of Incorporation. Mrs. C. A. Tom and Mrs. Grant Boise spent the first of the week at La Grande and Staford visiting

men want a harness meet. The state also wants a bigger cut of the racing money. It seems the boys realize that there may be an end to the supply of betting money and don't want too much competition for it. Time may soon come when the racing take is back to \$70,000 to \$100,000 again which will seem like small pickings to the purse proud producers of racing.

The state salary bills are being considered by the senate where each kind of officer has his advocates. Anyway, taxpayer, salaries are going up. The only question is how much.

Boy Scouts To Hold First Meeting the 18th

The Boy Scouts are scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 in the school house. This will be the first meeting and at that time applications will be taken for membership. All boys interested are invited to attend.

Last Wednesday night several local men in Moro met and discussed the program that is to be followed. Those attending were Clyde Gillmor, Jacob Ferguson, Max Barzee, E.E. Barzee, Merrill Oveson and Carrel Bennett. Those in charge of the meeting to be held next Tuesday are Carrel Bennett and Jacob Ferguson.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

A meeting of the executive committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League was held in Arlington, Friday, March 7th, LeRoy Wright attending. It was decided to change the original rules of feeding 50 per cent wheat to 4-H calves to 40 per cent wheat. This is for all boys who plan to take calves to the spring Livestock Show in The Dalles.

Several men are here from Portland spraying some fall wheat of Will Powell's with 2,4-D.

Application is one pound of the parent acid per acre. 2,4-D is a selective spray which is effective in the control of all broadleaf weeds which includes both annual and perennial plants. 2,4-D can be effectively used to eradicate dandelions in lawns. In using the material for this activity, accurate information on application should be secured from your County Agent.

A shipment of trees has been received at the County Agent's office this week and anyone wishing to plant them for windbreaks, shelter belt, or woodlot use, should get in touch with the Agent's office in Moro. Several varieties are available, all of which are adapted to the Eastern Oregon climate.

The Fair Board met Monday and approved and paid bills. Equipment for the paint work to be done at the fair grounds has been received.

Moro Womens Club Entertains Guests

The Moro Woman's club entertained about 50 members and guests including a number from the Grass Valley Woman's club, Friday. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Lewis McKee, Mrs. Howard Conlee presided. After a short business meeting the Music Department took charge of the program.

Mrs. Edna Melzer, director for the day read an appropriate poem, and Mrs. James MacFarlane and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs played two piano duets. Later in the program Mrs. Wesley Nichols gave an interesting talk on her trip through the south and to Cuba, showing many pictures to illustrate points of interest. Mrs. Kenneth McKean sang two solos and Mrs. Jas. MacFarlane played two numbers on her piano-accompaniment. The club room were decorated with spring flowers and pussy willows. At the tea table St. Patrick's decorations were carried out. Mrs. Earl Olds of Grass Valley and Mrs. Howard Conlee poured after which the remainder of the afternoon was spent in visiting.

The next meeting is scheduled to be March 21 which will be Hobby Day. Members will display their hobbies. Mrs. E. H. Moore will be director and hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Belshie and Mrs. Ralph Eakin.

SOLICITORS FOR RED CROSS FUND DRIVE ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Theo vonBorstel, Sherman county chairman of the Red Cross Fund drive, announces the names of the following soliciting committees. At Wasco, Mildred McDonald assisted by Helen Bruckert, Catherine Thomas, Joan Harper and Marvin Howell take care of that area while at Moro Lucille May is assisted by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Mrs. Chas. Burnett and Irving Hart. The Grass Valley area is covered by Mrs. Tom Alley assisted by Mrs. Ted Ball; at Rufus, Mrs. Vernon Miller is assisted by Curt Tom and Miss Isachsen; and at Kent, Grover Young.

The quota for Sherman county is \$2542 and latest reports say that \$1458 has been collected.

Mid-Columbia Livestock Show Completed

**First Started By
Wheat League To Aid
In Feeding Wheat**

Formation of the Mid-Columbia Livestock show has been completed and it is also contemplated that a race meet may be held in conjunction with it if permission can be obtained from the legislature.

The Mid-Columbia Livestock association will have Marion Weatherford, Howard Dent Jr., and probably Ray Kelley as directors if plans go through as contemplated which means wider interest than was planned when the show was first brought to The Dalles.

Primarily the show was started by the Eastern Oregon Wheat league to aid in the feeding of wheat to livestock. Members of 4-H clubs are feeding calves and sheep for the first show. Wheat must be the major part of the feed, and this in itself means much to the wheat growers. Premiums are being raised already and will bring more stock for display.

An attempt is being made to have some of the racing commission money, now divided among the state fair, the Pacific International, the Round-up, the eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union and the turkey show at Roseburg and county fairs, set aside for the Mid-Columbia stock show and HB-444 has been introduced for that purpose. A hearing was held on March 12 and it is proposed by the sponsors that \$5,000 be appropriated out of the racing funds.

If it is found possible to establish racing at The Dalles it would provide a new source of entertainment for this area. Years ago harness racing was held on an old track west of The Dalles regularly. Whether it will be possible under present regulations or not cannot be foretold. The racing commission is held to a 60 day dog season, a 20 day horse season and a shorter time for the Gresham fair. County fairs also may hold six day meets. Effort is now being made to permit a 20 day harness meet, but whether it could be brought to The Dalles is not known.

Farmers Should Supply Information

Few operators have supplied the County Agent office with their 1946 crop yield information, LeRoy Wright reports. On those farms for which this information has not been supplied, it will be necessary for them to place an appraised yield. Appraised yields can not be accurate and will be a real disadvantage to every grower from the standpoint of premiums under crop insurance. This feature of the agriculture program, as developments and improvements occur, will become more important to every operator. At the present time crop insurance has some weaknesses which will be corrected through the interest and cooperation of wheat growers.

PATRICIA KASEBERG ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

A conference of the Cascade East Methodist Youth Fellowship District of the Oregon Conference of the Methodist Church was held at Pendleton, last week-end, March 7 and 8. The purpose of the conference was to get the young people of the Cascade East District of the Methodist Church acquainted with each other, conduct some business, and have a good time. Many young people of Wasco attended the conference including, Leland Anderson, Anne Jean Briggs, Sharon Briggs, Roe Decker, Patricia Kaseberg, Keith Landers, Gordon Hilderbrand, Darlene Mackee, Gladys Moore, Mrs. Margaret Kaseberg, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Stierle.

Patricia Kaseberg was elected Vice-President of the Cascade East District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship which is a very high honor paid to her and to the Wasco Methodist church. There were around 100 young people in attendance at the conference. Around 20 Methodist churches were represented in this district.