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EDITORIALS

FREE PALAVER By Paul Hornbeck

OREGON G. O. P. REFUSES TO FACE FACTS We have reason to believe that the large majority of Oregon Republican rank-and-file are conservative.

Why doesn't somebody get it over to them that there is a very sizable proportion of the Democratic rank-and-file that is also conservative and would welcome the opportunity of crossing the line into a conservative haven.

Peter Gunnar et al learned some of the facts in his recent fight to retain the Republican state chairmanship. But he and the Governor didn't learn enough to turn them from their leaning to socialism.

And here in Jackson county the Republican leaders are just as adamant in their determination to conform to the eastern Rockefeller-Scranton-Javits-Romney left wing minority-- anything to go along with the powerful Democrats.

POPULATION PROBLEM: COMMUNISM WANTS FAMINE

During the past week there appeared in leading newspapers in the nation a page ad to President Johnson. It was signed by 83 prominent people, including college presidents, newspaper editors and writers, former representatives of our government and military forces, bankers, industrial heads, medical men and religious leaders.

"The United States has shipped abroad, since . . . 1954, food products amounting to the gigantic sum of \$12 billion, mostly on a give-away basis." It went on to admit that even should we continue this tremendous largess to the exhaustion of our own land, the eventual world famine trend would be little affected.

No suggestion for action was made. But the last sentence was significant. It reads, "Hunger brings turmoil-- and turmoil, as we have learned, creates the atmosphere in which the communists seek to conquer the earth."

Now we do not know what these good people who sent this open message to the President think can be done about the population problem. We are fairly sure they have in mind an effort at birth control.

Well-intentioned people just as well get it through their heads that from now on, as long as humanity continues to exercise dominion in this earth, population is going to increase prodigiously in spite of everything and anything they can do about it.

solvable is the production of food. Food production can be increased just as prodigiously as the increase in population. But it cannot be done by desk-top agrarian planners distributing flats and subsidies, as in the United States, not by collective farming as in Communistic Russia, nor by other socialistic schemes and practices being employed in many other nations of the earth.

One other very important point bared in that last line which we quoted from the ad is that our American leaders, including Mr. Johnson and his whole administration, know very well that is the unaltered objective of the Communists: they "seek to conquer the earth."

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

This session of the Congress the nation will undoubtedly face one of its severest tests as a democracy.

The issue will be over the proposed repeal of Section 14-B of the Taft-Hartley Act which permits states to pass laws barring the closed shop, or the so-called "right-to-work" laws presently in force in 19 states.

Public opinion polls show that the public is substantially against repeal of Section 14-B. The nation's independent business proprietors, voting through the C. W. Harder National Federation of Independent Business, strongly oppose this repeal.



In fact, the hard core of the drive to make every worker subject to union control stems from the union leaders who want to be able to collect dues from all. Their desire is aided and abetted by those who make political campaign promises to the union leaders.

This, the attempt to disregard majority will in order to pay off a political debt.

In ancient Rome political debts were often paid out by providing free spectacles in the Coliseum with captive gladiators. In modern America it is sought to pay off a political debt by delivering millions of workers into captivity.

It is probably impossible to find at any time prior in American history where naked power has been so unleashed to negate the will of the majority, and at the same time deliver a large segment of the population into bondage.

It is not inconceivable if the American people submit to this political power play, especially since Supreme Court decisions have now made it possible for unions to be run by communists, that the shades will be drawn even more closely to blot out the shining light of American liberty and freedom which was such a beacon of hope to the entire world.

There is of course, a last ditch recourse the majority of the people have before the curtains are closed. That is to write or wire Senators and Congressmen, expressing their views.

At Bunker Hill the destiny of the American people rested with the common people who were both dedicated and indignant.

The destiny of American freedom again rests with the American people. If the people write their views to their members of Congress and their senators, the light of freedom can still be preserved.

High School Pupils Invited To Enter News Story Contest

High school students throughout Oregon are again invited to enter the annual high school newspaper article contest, the sponsoring Oregon Wheat Growers League announced this week.

Demo Platform Convention Set

The Jackson County Democratic Platform Convention will be held in Ashland at the Mark Antony Hotel on Feb. 5-6, according to E. M. Madden, Jackson County Recorder.

become willing instruments for our destruction, because it has so far brought the popular votes for continuing them in power. And most of them want to perpetuate themselves in office much more than they want to perpetuate Americanism.

Famine? Charles Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau, says: "The world does not need to starve, if the underdeveloped areas can be induced to accept the incentive method of capital formation--competitive capitalism.

Dealing with this subject several weeks ago, this column suggested that such an unlikely thing as religion is retarding the production of food for the world. An experienced Associated Press writer recently returned from a visit to India.

If Americans would use their innate common sense and practice it among themselves, they could redeem Americanism and perhaps lead the world back to some semblance of sanity at the same time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, Sir: One immutable truism of life is that the easiest thing to take away from someone is that which he does not know he possesses.

Why should anyone strive to deprive you of these priceless possessions? Sometime, a mistaken faith upon the part of conscientious lawmakers but, more often, a determined effort by powerful selfish interests and for personal gain.

Section 1a Art. 9 of your constitution clearly makes all tax measures subject to referendum. Your last Legislature passed HJR 24, allowing any tax bill to carry the "emergency clause", thereby enabling it to become law without being subject to referendum.

Yes, you will actually be asked, at the coming election, to surrender one of your constitutional rights which has guarded you faithfully since Oregon's inception. Proponents of the measure will, of course, prior to the election, make every attempt to convince you of the vast advantage of placing your future totally in the hands of men and that (like unto the income tax fiasco of 1944) Oregon will become bankrupt, dry up and blow away if they are thwarted.

"We, the people" is a most powerful concept but only if exercised. Will you deliberately vote away your constitutional rights? Victor H. Croxton Central Point

The Editor, Sir: Dan Smoot's Christmas Broadcast, taken from his book, "THE HOPE OF THE WORLD," was a beautiful thing.

Our finite minds cannot grasp the infinite love and mercy which sent our Savior into the world. But Smoot points out that Christians can, and did, grasp the idea that such love from our Heavenly Father makes each one of His "children" of individual, infinite importance to Him.

From Christianity sprang this, the most revolutionary idea ever born into the world - that the individual human being, no matter how lowly, is of infinite importance - more important than the masses, vastly more important than human government.

In our magnificent Declaration of Independence appear these marvelous words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

specifically listed certain God-given rights which the government MUST not, COULD not tamper with. The individual citizen was supreme, the Government his servant.

As Smoot puts it, "The strength and culture of America were built on faith in Jesus Christ." While, "The strength and culture of Communism-Socialism-Fascism are built on faith in the almighty State, or Government . . . the individual is nothing; the State (or society, or the masses, or government) is everything . . . no treatment of the individual is considered abuse; murder, kidnapping, arson, robbery, blackmail, treason - all are justified if meted out to serve the Socialistic cause.

L. C. Powell Grants Pass

To the Editor: Many thanks should be extended to the Editor of the Times for his fine work in so short a period of time.

Central Point has been a city for some time. With the arrival of the Times, it has become a more important city.

I am a strong believer of newspaper reading. I hope citizens of Central Point feel the same way. In return, the Editor will feel his efforts have not been wasted.

The efforts of Sgt. Jim Corliss fearlessly, gifted, with a wonderful personality appearing on the city streets, all help to make a fine city. With the help of Police Chief Edward Zander, the Fire Department and other city personnel, Central Point is certainly becoming a proud city.

The city government has come a long way in its few short years of existence. A good job well done as I see it.

Sincerely, Howard H. Brown 907 Gilman Rd. Medford

The Editor, Sir: He was my friend, he understood All the vagaries of my mood When I was happy, he was gay When I was sad, he seemed that way He held with trusty common sense All I told him in confidence He died... and now I look around A friend like that is seldom found I miss his kindly presence yet A dog like that is hard to get. Will H. Locke



TUTLOW

Funny how these words written by my father many years ago come to mind. He was just a medium sized "yaller" dog of doubtful origin named Tutlow. He looked directly at you with soft brown eyes and his bushy tail was always ready with a friendly wag.

His claim to fame came when he appeared with my daughter in a photograph which was featured by the Richfield Oil Company in their 1959 Wildflower Booklet featuring the Oregon Centennial. Accepted with welcome by some of the West's leading motels and hotels he carried himself with dignity. He never once in his ten years placed a paw on a piece of furniture and denied the run of the house, found his warm corner in the kitchen. He accepted his

lot with cheerfulness except for that new back yard fence. When we moved into the city from Bellview that fenced back yard became a challenge. He would rather sit on the front steps and wait for our return. I built it higher and he went through it or under. He outsmarted that fence at every turn.

We returned from a New Year's breakfast to find him dead, the victim of vicious Strychnine.

His trail was plain in the snow. Down the street, up a driveway and through a backyard to an alley. Each trash can investigated and then out to the next street and up, one block over. Then through a yard or two back to the alley, out to his street again, across and then the tracks showed where he floundered and rose to drag himself home.

We tried so very hard to keep him in his back yard, even took him to work with us when the fence had a known leak. We know that he walked in your flowers, he might even have been the culprit who knocked over your trash can. I would have cleaned it up for you if you had but called him to you and read my number on his tag. I would have apologized and paid for any damage.

And now Mr. Poisoner, I hope that your methods justify the results and that you eliminated the nuisance which evoked you to take the life of my pet for I shall try very hard to find you. Perhaps in another way I can let you feel the emptiness of that kitchen corner or look into the innocent eyes of my four-year-old grandson and tell him why "Tut" is not there to play with him.

Whitland T. Locke 276 Harrison Street Ashland

Dear Sir, I wish to compliment you on your recent article concerning the State of U.S. Finances. It is the clearest and most concise article that I have ever read in any publication and that goes for the Wall Street Journal and New York Times. Please send me half dozen copies and bill me for the same. Respectfully, Carlton Deggeller

Ski Tips

Here are some ski tips from the Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol: 1.-When you put on your ski boots, settle your heel into the heel of the boot by banging it on the floor before lacing. 2.-Unlace your boots at noon to rest your feet and this also insures a new and snug lacing job for the afternoon's skiing. 3.-Polish your boots with good skiboot wax after they are dry following each weekend of use.

Still Stand Traces of the ancient Roman fortifications - stone drinking troughs, gateways and the ruins of stone guardhouses--still stand in England.



LOCKE "For pure old government red tape, you can't beat American skill and know-how."

US National Names Region Manager

B. C. Swails, vice president and manager at U. S. National Bank of Oregon's Metropolitan branch, has been named manager of the bank's newly created southern region. President E. J. Kolar has announced.

The southern region encompasses the area from Drain south to the California line and from the Pacific Ocean east to Lakeview.

There are six regions based on geography and population in the realignment of U. S. National's senior management structure that was approved at last Thursday's monthly board meeting, Kolar said. Five of the regions are in the western half of the state, and the sixth covers the eastern half.

Swails has been with U. S. National for 25 years and has been manager of the Metropolitan branch since December, 1963. Prior to that he was manager of both the Astoria and Sheridan branches. In addition to his 25 years with U. S. National, he was a National Bank Examiner with the U. S. Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D.C., for four years.

County Makes Interest Funds

Interest earned through investment of county funds not immediately needed brought more than \$100,000 to Jackson County in the past six months, according to County Treasurer Chet W. Guches. The exact amount, \$100,454.98, is the highest figure ever earned during a six month period in Jackson County and covers the period of July 1, 1965, to Jan. 3, 1966, Guches stated. This compares with approximately \$62,000 earned in the same period last year.

The general county fund will benefit in the amount of \$66,921.43 and school district bond and interest funds, irrigation districts and sanitary districts account for the balance.

Three reasons were given by Guches for the increased interest earning: Jackson county received the revenue from O and C allotment about six weeks earlier than usual this past year and was able to put the money on time deposit sooner; higher interest rates and keeping a smaller amount in the demand account of the county. The treasurer's office is attempting to keep approximately 90 to 95 per cent of the county's available money on time deposits in local downtown banks, Guches added.