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EDITORIALS

FREE PALAVER

By Paul Hornbeck

G. O. P. MAINSTREAM? In connection with the recent announcement about the coming Lincoln Day dinner in Medford and that the featured speaker would be Senator High Scott of Pennsylvania, Republican Richard Travis asserted that Senator Scott "Represents the thinking of the mainstream of Republicanism."

Now we do not like to cast the brand of ignorance at anyone, for that is bigotry and we don't want to justify anybody's accusation of bigotry against us. We simply trust in this instance young Mr. Travis' statement was a demonstration of ignorance of existing facts. We certainly would regret to learn that Mr. Travis is sincerely convinced that Senator Scott represents the mainstream of Republicanism. Indeed, if the beliefs and practices and political conduct embodied in the years of public life of Senator Scott may be translated as representing the mainstream of Republicanism in Jackson County, Oregon, then the ignorance is on our side and we are extremely unhappy that local Republicanism has become thus degraded.

Senator Scott was one of the leading lights among the seven million Republicans who deserted the Republican Party in 1964. We hardly believe that any very intelligent people would argue that this minority represented the mainstream rather than the twenty-million who remained loyal to the Republican Party. And if that is not convincing, let's take a look at the voting record of Senator Scott for the year 1965 in the 89th Congress.

More than two-thirds of his votes during 1965 went squarely down the line with the Johnson administration demands, and it is a matter of record that never before in history has the White House so completely dominated the program of legislation as was true in 1965. Moreover, that program of legislation not only had the almost 100% approval of Communism's newspaper DAILY WORKER, but Norman Thomas, who, instead of running for the presidency on the Socialist ticket as had been his custom, plugged for Johnson in 1964, declared that the 1965 session of the 89th Congress fulfilled more of his hopes than he had ever dared to believe possible.

Now if the Republican leaders of Jackson County want us to believe that this is the kind of thinking and politicking that forms the mainstream of Republicanism in this area, we trust that the good people of Jackson County will create an unusually large vacuum around the dinner table that greets Senator Scott on his visit here February 12. And if the Republican leaders insist upon the course of espousing the unholy socialist, do-gooder, giveaway, one-worlder, freedom destroying unAmericanism being federalized upon us by a tyrannical Democratic administration, they deserve the biggest wholesale desertion on the part of rank-and-file ever experienced by a party leadership in any county in the United States.

That kind of thing, we admit, has so far gotten a big majority of the vote. But we also believe the mainstream of Republicanism, to say nothing of a very, very large segment of the Democratic party, is sick to the pits of their stomachs with such hypocrisy and power-grabbing double dealing on the part of our elected officials--in both major parties.

STATE OF UNION: "MISERABLE"

President Johnson's un-state of the Union message last Wednesday evening was a jewel in oration, in platitudes, in excellence of delivery, and especially in its dexterity in avoiding the things he didn't want to say. With great force he declared that the need for immediate federal spending to meet domestic demands is so urgent that we must not even consider cutting down the program because of any fear that the Viet Nam war demands might overshadow those domestic problems.

We are left to presume, then, that here at home we are in such a bad state that the federal government just must bail us out of our misery, regardless of wars on foreign territory. All over our land there are millions so poverty-stricken we've got to save their lives. Other millions working for a paltry \$3 or \$4 per hour can't keep the wolf from the door. Fifty states are no longer able to teach their children to read and write and Washington must give them billions for school aid, retroactive to last July. In other words, if we are to judge from the amount of federal money needed to insure our survival through 1966, the state of our Union must be miserable, indeed.

The orator President started off by picturing the terrific gains in profit made in our various industries during 1965. Farmers will be glad to know, for instance, that they made a big gain in profits on their operations last year. He translated the gains in percentages. Trouble is, he didn't bother to explain that a business man who made 1/2 of % of a profit one year and then gained fifty percent of the next year, that next year would have brought him the enormous profit of three-fourths of one percent profit. (That would at least pay a dollar or two on his tax bill).

He was totally against discrimination. But he intimated that he wouldn't be opposed to a little discrimination FOR the negro and some other favored groups. Like repeal of 14B. A little discrimination against non-union members wouldn't hurt, of course.

He wants to increase the quality of our education and our life in general. He stressed some materialistic and security qualities that are needed. But he didn't mention an increase in spiritual qualities.

He proposes to introduce bills this year to enable us to spread our educational and health measures to the international level; mustn't selfishly keep them here in America. Gotta tote the world, you know. And in that connection we must also remove the rest of our tariff barriers so we can assist the peoples of other nations by buying their goods instead of American made goods. Mustn't be niggardly and isolationist about this.

He says we must and will give our fighting men in Viet Nam ALL the quality equipment and material they need. (News re-

WASHINGTON AND

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Quite a peculiar situation has developed. On one hand, the U.S. is engaged in hostilities in Viet Nam, with American lives lost. No one has yet apparently been able to precisely explain the objectives.



In addition, the Cuban thing keeps cropping up, with no apparent settlement in sight.

But with these matters hanging in air, the nation becomes involved in a dispute between England and one of its former African colonies. Rhodesia, about the size of Montana, decided it wanted independence.

Now it appears the spirit of '76 which freed this nation from England is no longer in good taste.

This small nation was developed by a group of Europeans with their descendants following on. As they built a prosperous economic unit, African tribesmen came over the borders in great numbers seeking a better life.

The British took the position that Rhodesia should not be free from England unless provisions were made for these tribesmen to have a big say in how the wealth developed by others should be administered or even if Rhodesia should be independent.

So the whole matter was brought before the UN. The result was a decision to boycott Rhodesia unless it gives up.

the idea of independence and resumes allegiance to England.

The U.S. jumped in to support Britain, even though 50% of vitally needed U.S. chrome comes from Rhodesia.

The silliness of this situation is magnified by the fact that it is remembered that in 1776 there were a lot less than 4 million people who decided that America should break away from England, and there is no record of the Indians being consulted on the matter at all.

Of course, it is not known how many Indians were in the land. But even a hundred years later, after they had been decimated by gunpowder, firewater and disease, at the Little Big Horn, General Custer learned there was still around.

But this little nucleus of less than 4 million people, at that time largely of Anglo-Saxon extraction, went on to build a mighty economy for the benefit of peoples all over the world. It is hard to imagine who would have bailed England out of trouble a number of times since then if the Indians, who actually possessed the real estate in the first place, had been able to veto separation from England.

What makes it even sillier is the fact that Britain has always turned a deaf ear toward American requests to impose an embargo on communist nations, including Red China, and Castro Cuba. Yet the Labor government of England has but to whistle, and the U.S. comes a-running. If Andrew Jackson were alive today, he would be dead tomorrow from apoplexy.

Joseph Lester Wilcox, Rt. 1, Box 526, Central Point. No vehicle license, expired. Fined \$5.

James William Cassad, 1040 E. Pine, Central Point. Violation of the basic rule. Fined \$20.

Alvin Roy Prilliman, 801 Crown, Central Point. Disobeyed traffic signal when red. \$15 forfeited.

Ellison Eugene Garner, 1165 Woodrow Lane, Medford. Disobeyed traffic signal when red. \$10 forfeited.

Herbert Asa Sims, 47 N. Peach, Medford. Disobeyed traffic signal when red. \$15 forfeited.

Robert L. Speck, 210 Kings Way, Central Point. Illegal parking, wrong side of street. Fined \$2.50.

Robert Speck (Same as above) ... violation of ord. 306-sec. 68. Disturbing the peace. Fined \$5.

Richard Gordon Poage, P. O. Box 74, Neotau, Oregon. Violation of the basic rule. \$10 forfeited.

Jane Mowry, 3125 Old Military Rd., Medford. Illegal parking, wrong side of street. Fined \$2.50.

NO TIME FOR EGGS According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, per capita egg consumption has gone from 393 eggs in 1951 to 307 in 1965. Some reasons given: No time for breakfast; a sedentary job--no need for a big breakfast; too busy--no time to bake.

ports said most of the boys over there wouldn't like to listen to the speech, and those who did said "Same old stuff." They have been pleading for up-to-date weapons, and would like to get orders from their generals instead of McNamara's fair-haired desk boys in Washington. The President didn't explain why we have not heretofore given the fighting boys the weapons and equipment they need.

He said we could stand by the Geneva agreement. Wonder why, when we thought so little of it when it was made that we refused to sign it.

He said we are in Viet Nam because we have men to free--to restore liberty to them. But he didn't say a word about demanding and getting the freedom of the hundreds of our boys still held by the Red Chinese from the Korean conflict.

There were other heroic words. Altogether it almost was exactly what we had expected, though we admit we were bowled over by its inesse. But there was one piece of real news and it was a genuine expander. Mr. Johnson said that the Great Society embodies a federalism that is the dream of the American people. You don't say! So when Washington and Jefferson and Franklin and other great early Americans warned of and against the federalism they were rooting for the Great Society. Could it be that the dream Mr. Johnson envisions might be something akin to a nightmare?

If you dislike our estimate of the speech, you can assure you that there were much bigger men all over the country who also grasped the EMPINESS of it. Editor David Lawrence of U. S. News & World Report was one of them.

Off Bab's Finger Tips

By Barbara Gavin



Crater is trying to help the Crater Chapter of the American Field Service find a family for our next year's foreign exchange student. A family with a sophomore or junior student at Crater, would be ideal. If you would like to check into this further you can call Crater High School.

Starting last Monday the administration has allowed us to have sock hops in the boys gym at noon. The idea seems to be catching on, and if it continues it could provide fun for all concerned.

The F. H. A. is selling recipe books again this year. The recipes included in the books are sent in by Home Economics teachers from all over the United States. There are five different books; salads, vegetables, casseroles, meats and desserts. The books cost \$2.95 and are available from any F. H. A. member.

The plans have all been made for this spring's presentation of "The Sound of Music" The movie version starred Julie Andrews and includes many beautiful songs. Some are The Sound of Music, My Favorite Things, Do Re Mi, and Climb Every Mountain. Advanced tickets will be available by March 1.

A "GI" Raps the Pro-Viet Cong Demonstrators

(EDITOR'S NOTE - Howard Forkner, a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division, who participated in the Normandy Invasion of World War II, calls attention to a letter he has received from his son Pfc Jim Forkner, now on military duty in Germany. Jim enclosed an article from the "Stars and Stripes" that was written by a marine sergeant in Viet Nam. The article so closely expresses the editorial opinion of this newspaper that we are carrying it as a guest editorial, as follows:)

"BINGHAMPTON, N.Y. (UPI)—What U.S. troops in Viet Nam want most for Christmas is to lay their hands on an anti-Viet Nam demonstrator, according to a letter from a Marine that appeared in Saturday's edition of the Binghamton Sunday Bulletin. "Marine Sgt. James R. Russik, a native of Binghamton who has been in the Marines for 12 years and is currently stationed in Hue Phu Bai, South Viet Nam, wrote the "Letter to Santa" in care of David Bernstein, editor and publisher of the paper. Russik's wife and three children live in Aurora, Ill.

"In an accompanying note to Bernstein, Russik said he was 'sure if there really was a Santa and every GI here could write to him we could end all this protesting and our minds would be free to fight for what we believe is right—to stop the spread of communism.'"

Following is Russik's letter: "Dear Santa:

"This Christmas I have decided to ask you for only one present. Since there is no snow here in South Viet Nam you can't land so just gift-wrap it and I'm sure the postal department will take care of the delivery.

"Santa, can you imagine the joy on my face when I open your gift and find the one thing I want most in the world—an anti-Viet Nam demonstrator.

"At least I'd have someone, all mine, to share my exciting experiences with. I promise I'll take 'special' care of him. "I'll give him a hair cut (they all seem to need one) but I can't promise to keep him clean because baths are pretty scarce over here.

"Besides, dirt seems to be a prerequisite for protestors so he should feel right at home.

"I'll share my bed—and sometimes inedible food—with him.

"I'll share the disease, the intense heat and the impossible steaming jungle.

"I'll share with him the heartbreak of seeing my buddies blown apart.

"I'll share the misery of trying to identify their mutilated and tortured bodies that the Cong leave behind.

"I'll let him sit beside me for hours waist-deep in a mud and water-filled foxhole; and Santa, I'll try not to be tempted to sit on the shallowest side.

"I'll share my long nights on patrol in the bone-chilling rain. "But don't worry Santa, I'll be warm with the joy of giving: Giving a little hell to this Christmas present you were thoughtful enough to send me.

"And I promise, Santa, to always give him his own way for as long as he lives.

"Of course that won't be long if he insists on saying the things he said in the States.

"If he still feels the same way after a few days here; well, a promise is a promise.

"The next time one of our patrols is attacked by the Cong, I'll let him run to the front line and tell the Cong he loves them and wants to help them.

"Santa, for New Year's this year, I've decided to ask you for another present.

"Do you think perhaps you could send all my buddies one of their very own?"

Sgt. James R. Russik 3rd Div. U.S. Marine Corps.

Fire Chiefs To Participate

Fire chiefs throughout Oregon will gather in Portland January 26-28 for a three-day short course on Fire Department Management, co-sponsored by the Portland Center for Continuing Education and the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association.

Topics to be covered include budget planning and development, personal relations, communications, and the decision-making process. Meetings for the session will be held in the Portland Center, 1633 S. W. Park Avenue.

The short course is tailored

Alaskan Scenes Shown At Retired Teachers Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pramann of Ashland gave a program of colored slides at the Monday afternoon meeting of the Retired Teachers Association of Jackson County in the Girls Community Club in Medford.

The Pramanns showed slides taken on a trip to Alaska. They were introduced by president Mrs. Myrtle Patterson.

A musical portion of the program was provided by the music department of Talent Junior High School with Harry Kanastio directing. Program chairman was Mrs. D. R. Sloan of Phoenix. Social committee chairmen were Mrs. H. S. Chirgwin, Mrs. W. E. Sherwood, Mrs. W. R. Peabody and Mrs. Elsie Turner. Hostess committee was Mrs. H. Thompson, Mrs. Minnie Newton and Mrs. Mabel Sims.

New PE Degree At College Involves Nearly 150 Pupils

Southern Oregon College President Elmo Stevenson said today that a new physical education major recommended for the school yesterday will involve approximately 150 students.

The Curriculum Committee of the State Board of Higher Education approved the creation of the degree plan and recommended its acceptance to the state board.

Stevenson said that how many new students the program would bring in was an unknown quantity.

for local use in Oregon cities but was patterned from course outlines and case studies of the International Fire Administration Institute of the State University of New York.

Crater Lake Use Drops 2.7 Per Cent

A 2.7 per cent drop in visits to Crater Lake National Park in 1965 was reported recently by Superintendent J. Leonard Volz. In 1965, a total of 490,478 visits was recorded as compared to the 494,057 in 1964.

Although total visits were down slightly, there was a marked increase in use of facilities by the public. For example, a total of 39,918 camper days were recorded during the past season, a 12 per cent increase over the 35,331 in 1964.

Factors cited Park officials felt that two factors appeared to have contributed to the temporary leveling off of park visitation. During summer months particularly, an increasing number of travelers used the scenic Lake of the Woods road in crossing the Cascades between Medford and Klamath Falls thus bypassing the park. In addition, a statistical modification which brought about a more accurate determination of people-per-car was initiated. In the past, a slight over count was being made.

The States of California, Oregon, and Washington contribute 80 per cent of the park visitors, Volz said.

He reported that there was general acceptance of the new fee structure effective this past year under provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. As the season progressed, an increasing number of visitors appeared at the park already in possession of the \$7 annual sticker that was good for entry in all National Parks and certain other Federally administered areas. Those in the park on brief visits frequently purchased the daily or seasonal permits. It was felt that the new fee system did not discourage visitation to the park significantly.

Aesthetic and recreational uses of the park are expected to continue in an upward trend in future years. Such has been the trend, with occasional slight decrease such as in 1965, since World War II, he said.

ARC Provides Link With Servicemen

With the escalation of our efforts in Viet Nam, more and more young men are being separated from their families by induction into the Armed Forces. Whenever and wherever families are separated, problems are bound to arise requiring assistance from an outside source. The American National Red Cross is the only legally recognized link between the military and the families at home.

More and more thoroughly qualified and trained volunteers are needed at this time to provide this vital service. To meet the need locally a Social Welfare Aide Course has been scheduled by the Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The course will be presented at the Chapter House, 60 Hawthorne Avenue in Medford, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Jan. 17, 18, 24, and 25. Mrs. Frank Fairweather, volunteer field consultant for the Red Cross, will be instructor for the training program.

Individuals interested in this service to the military and veterans and their families must have graduated from high school, preferably having some college background and social welfare training. Volunteers will be dealing with social problems and will work closely with military and veterans installations and the families of service men and veterans. Another requirement for the Social Welfare Aide Course is completion of the basic training course for Red Cross volunteers. This is being offered on Jan. 14, 21 and 28 and trainees may meet this requirement during these sessions.

For further information or to enroll in the Social Welfare Aide training program, call the Red Cross office in Medford.

Farm Tax Deferral Deadline Set

All farmers living outside of zoned farm areas who wish to take advantage of the deferral of taxes under the Special Assessment or (green belt) Law must file their application during January according to County Assessor Thad Hatten.

A special reminder to those who failed last year that the total deferred amount from previous years will be due if the application is not refilled before Feb. 1.

Also there are areas that have been recently reappraised where values may be higher now, due to urban influences, that will be eligible to file for this deferral.

In order to qualify, the property must be used for farming purposes and to have been used for such purposes for at least 2 years prior to filing. There are also rules set up by the state tax commission for use by the assessor to determine whether or not the property constitutes a bona-fide farm in order to qualify.

Appeals from an assessor's decision on whether land is eligible for the deferral are taken directly to the state tax commission.

New Choral Group Invites Members

Interested college students and adult singers from the Rogue Valley are invited to join a newly organized choral organization, the Southern Oregon Choral Union, Dr. Herbert M. Cecil, chairman of the music department at Southern Oregon College, announced today. The group meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays in Room 210 of Churchill Hall on the campus.

The choral organization, sponsored by the Southern Oregon College Music Department, is rehearsing for a concert to be given this spring. Dr. Cecil is the director of the Choral Union. A rehearsal will be held tonight. Anyone desiring further information can call 482-3311, ext. 229.

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