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EDITORIALS

FREE PALAVER

By Paul Hornbeck

ARE YOU A MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROADER?

If you are a Middle-of-the-roader, actually realizing the full portent of that descriptive phrase, we propose to tell you, in as kindly a way as possible, how disappointed we are in you. To profess being a middle-of-the-roader is to confess that one is incapable of honorable conviction in any matter and is willing to gerrymander to either side of the road which may seem at the moment, most expedient to satisfy one's selfish interests.

We are indebted for these thoughts on middle-of-the-roadism to former Representative Donald Jackson of California. In one of his recent broadcasts, he described the malady fully, also disavowing credit for originating the ideas expressed; if we remember correctly, he gave credit to some writer for the American Conservative Union. At any rate, we are delighted to pass the remarks on here.

If anyone desires a nice quick suicide, there could be no surer way than to drive one's car onto a modern well-traveled, 2-way highway, step on the gas, and straddle the center line. Objective should be accomplished in only a few moments. If anyone desires to be devoid of all principles, there could be no better way than to attempt straddling all political and moral fences.

We suspect that this column would be rated by many of our friends, and near-friends, as dyed-in-the-wool conservative. We also suspect that we feel honored by any such rating. But that as it may, we declare without hesitancy, that we find in our heart some sound respect for the honest, dyed-in-the-wool liberal, but little, if any, respect for the avowed middle-of-the-roader. If there are those who might think us un-Christlike, for such an attitude, we refer them to Revelation 3:14-16. Therein John reports that Christ said, "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

Think it over. If you believe, as we do, that Constitutional Americanism has nurtured us into an altogether unique, favored people, then you had better begin expressing such a conviction in word and vote. It is the only hope for conserving from the threat of ruin, this wonderful heritage of freedom which is ours. If you have no concern for conserving the American system, then definitely bandwagon yourself onto the Great Society train and get both hands out as far as you can reach. Even that is better than staying in the middle of the road.

STACK YOUR GUNS, FREEMEN

Senator Dodd of Connecticut presents rather a paradox in our Congress. For years he has recognized the threat of Communism and particularly their infiltration and subversive tactics all over our land, and has worked ceaselessly to thwart their activities. Of course, then, he has been included among those of us who are the objects of intellectualist jibes about witch-hunting for Communies under beds and in closets. But the Senator doesn't seem to mind any more than the rest of us do.

On the other hand, Senator Dodd is the author of a bill now before Congress, to restrict the ownership of firearms by American citizens. Now we are not saying that if this bill is passed, we will all have to grab the guns from our households, stack them in the yard and have them carried off to the armory. This bill will call only for the registry of arms, and presumably, our ownership and use of firearms would continue as always. Mr. Dodd and the other high boys who are concerned about the matter, say it would gradually do away with, or, at least, greatly deter, gunmen in their killing and robbery with firearms. The argument is pitifully weak. True, it might make it more difficult for a prison escapee, a parolee, or known criminals to obtain guns, but it would by no means prevent them from doing so. We strongly suspect that most criminal shootings today are done with stolen guns, and such a law as the one in question would not change that situation one iota.

As to an official registry of all firearms, possessed by all citizens, there could be only one possible necessity for it: The possibility that at some future date, the authorities might consider it necessary to COLLECT those firearms, from their owners. And the only valid reason said authorities could ever have for asserting such a necessity would be a one-sided necessity to protect their own controlling authority.

Oh, they argue that the Second Amendment was enacted in the closing years of the 18th century-- days of pioneering, when law enforcement agencies were not as widespread and accessible as in our modern day. But, we argue, that since there is much more crime today, than in the 18th century, a modern man has just as much moral right and actual need for a gun to protect his home castle, as did the men who wore buckskin.

No, my hearties, this rather inoffensive bill within itself, would do little more than hurt our pride, and take away one more of our little freedoms. If we wanted to buy a gun, we would have to say, "Daddy, can I have a gun?" But it would be the OPENING WEDGE. Some of us can remember the arguments made when the 16th Amendment was enacted. Others could find those arguments in the Congressional Record of 1909, when Congress passed the act submitting that amendment to the States. The pro's envisioned a tax on income of less than 1% as being sufficient for all time, and promised that most certainly, it would never be raised more than a fraction above 1%. How much do you pay now?

So with this gun bill. If you think that once this bill is passed, future years would not bring sticter and stricter measures and finally confiscation, you are softer in the head than we think you are. You may remember that Castro was such a noble guy when he was feted in New York shortly before he took over Cuba. For your information, we are still living in pioneer days. Only the methods and manipulations of pioneering have changed.

WASHINGTON AND

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

One only has to take a look at Spain to understand how U.S. foreign aid is a powerful instrument for wrecking a nation's economy.

Because the present Spanish government is so completely opposed to communism, having gone through the agony of a civil war fomented by the Kremlin, it was not until 1953 that the State Department, on the implicit instructions of President Eisenhower, recognized this government.

This is quite a contrast to the almost immediate recognition that was granted the Castro regime in Cuba.

Not long afterwards, it was then decided that Spain should have some U.S. foreign aid, and as usual, inexperienced people jumped in with millions of dollars to "help" Spain.

For one thing, it was decided that the distribution of food in Spain is archaic. Therefore, with encouragement and U.S. dollars, cold storage plants were set up in Spain.

But with all this frenzied planning to bring a better world to the strategically important Iberian Peninsula, the fact was overlooked that Spain has no anti-monopoly laws.

The result has been that big combines with cold storage facilities buy up the farm production in Spain, and hold it for the highest possible prices.

The minimum wage in Spain is \$1 per day. A good salary is \$10 per month.

However, today in Madrid, even in the lower class food markets around the Calle Mayor, meat is priced from 90 cents to \$1.50 per pound, cheese around 90 cents per pound, eggs 70 cents per dozen, fruit around 10 cents per pound, other food prices are comparable.

The result is that most Spaniards find it necessary to hold down two or more jobs, working 16 to 18 hours per day to exist. Even then, the diet is pretty much confined to garbanzo beans and other very cheap foods.

Of course, there are some millionaires being created in the process, but at the bottom of Spanish life there is a great under current that could result in serious upheavals, especially if the aging Franco, now 74, succumbs without a successor being ready who can keep civil unrest from breaking out.

As a side result, the farmers who are not getting enough for their products are moving to the cities, hoping somewhere to find some way of making a living.

This is Spain today. What will be the Spain of tomorrow is a guess. But what is happening in Spain has also happened in other nations where incompetent use of American money has created unrest.

Due to the great ignorance employed in administration, perhaps the name of American Foreign Aid should be changed.

It might well be called U.S. Foreign Aid to World Revolution.

Talent Flat Broke; Fighting Continues

By ARCHIE SHAMBLIN
Of The Tidings

The city of Talent is flat broke. City fathers reached down in their jeans at the end of March and came up with only \$160.

Bills are to be paid, salaries are to be paid. And only a dribbling of income is expected until taxes start coming in in October.

Mayor Granvil Brittsan, who just survived a recall attempt, said wild spending of the council has depleted the general fund and whisked right on through the city reserves.

And, to complicate matters further, a real donnybrook is

shaping up over next year's budget that may see city fathers squabbling over spending through a long, hot summer.

Mayor Brittsan said the city has the capacity to borrow money to pay its bills and pay employees, but he isn't going to authorize any borrowing.

"They (the council) illegally took away my authority to sign checks, so I have refused to sign for a loan at the bank," Brittsan said.

The mayor said council had shown no responsibility in its spending, that it had just frittered away money "like it was going out of style."

Attorney Fees Cause Problems

"For instance, they spent \$2,800 for attorney fees when the budget only allowed \$1,800," he said. "And when I refused to sign any more checks for the attorney, he said it was his opinion council could take check - signing authority away from me."

Brittsan said, however, if the council would get together, stop fighting each other and him, that a solution could be found for the financial crisis.

But the mayor doesn't have much hope of this happening. He expects more bitter battles and another major crisis for the small town.

"The budget committee is after a tax increase," he said.

Budget Increase Would Boost Tax

"The increase they want would raise taxes by five or 10 mills," Brittsan said. "I've never used the veto before but I sure will this time if that is what they give me."

The mayor was recently embroiled in a bitter fight with several councilmen who accused him of unauthorized spending of funds and other charges related to circumventing the council.

Petitions were circulated to recall the mayor. An election was held and the mayor won out.

He said the election did not

heal the split between some councilmen and himself, but did give him a little more support on the council.

"Two are for me, two against and two say they can work with me and might," the mayor said.

First sparks in the new Talent row are expected to come April 12--the next council meeting. All-out war may be on tap later this month when the budget committee brings its findings before council.

The April 12 meeting will be in city hall at 8 p.m.

And speaking of the Constitution, we might mention that if Mr. Dodd's bill is carried out by Congressional enactment only, it will be unconstitutional. It would take submission and passage as an amendment, to make it legal. However, we admit that such procedure seems altogether unnecessary, in these days of the Great Society. Which, however, is just one more indication that such an impossible thing as Americans citizens having their guns confiscated is a very likely possibility. Better think it over, and get a message to your Congressmen, TELLING them they had better not vote to empty your gun rack. You could remind them that you have a vote coming up this fall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editors
Central Point Times:

Dear Sir,

I take great delight in spilling the best kept secret in Oregon-- the fact that Walter Huss, Director of the North West's Freedom Center in Portland, is running in the Republican Primary Election against Mark Hatfield for U.S. Senator. To combat the Liberal news media blackout on Mr. Huss, every Conservative in Oregon must broadcast this "secret" far and wide.

Fellow Americans, if you want a statesman for a Senator who will fight every step of the way against our present insane Government spending and burgeoning Socialism-- who will fight to preserve our Private Enterprise businesses-- if you want a Senator who will fight against giving aid of any kind to Communist countries-- who will fight to retain U.S. Sovereignty over our Panama Canal and our Guantanamo Navy Base in Cuba-- who will fight for the Constitutional right of the American people to possess and bear arms in defense of their homes and families-- who will fight for victory over Communism both at home and abroad, particularly in Viet Nam and Cuba at present-- a Statesman who will fight to his last breath to keep the American people out from under the jurisdiction of the Communist controlled World Court, and to keep our Army and Navy and Air Force and Nuclear Weapons from being turned over to the Communist controlled United Nations-- if you want a Statesman who will dedicate all of his energies to the preservation of our National Sovereignty, our Divinely Inspired Constitution, and all our precious Heritage therein-- then you want Walter Huss for U.S. Senator.

Here is a man who believes in what our Fore Fathers fought and died for. He is an ordained minister with ten years of pastoral experience and is completely dedicated to the fight to preserve our priceless Heritage of Freedom and our humane, Christian civilization, all of which the International Communist conspiracy intends to destroy.

"Courage I have," he says. "Specific knowledge of the problems I have. And the strategy for victory over Evil and Tyranny has been set down before us in the Bible, and by our great historic Fathers."

Literally thousands of Conservative Democrats have registered as Republicans in order to vote for Mr. Huss in the Primary Election, over three thousand in his own county alone. Hooray for these grand Americans. Hooray for Walter Huss!

Sincerely,
L. C. Powell
P. O. Box 882
Grants Pass, Oregon

Chief's Blotter



TRAFFIC COURT

Linda Jane Davis, 556 Midway Road, Medford. Violation of the basic rule, \$10.

Wanda Jean Tunney, 55 N. 5th, Central Point. Failure to display registration, \$5.

Gordon Eugene Hansen, 4173 1/2 Hamrick Road, Central Point. Violation of the basic rule, \$25 fine to be worked out.

Tommy Allen Seavers, P. O. Box 1001, Blackwell Road, Central Point. Operating in wrong lane of traffic, \$10 fine to be worked out.

Donald Ray Tompkins, 215 N. 2nd, Talent. Speeding. Fine suspended.

Duane Dolan, Rt. 2, Box 535, Central Point. Parking on wrong side of street. Fine \$1.

Diana Harlean Dyer, 5765 Table Rock Rd., Central Point. Expired vehicle license, \$10.

Terry Lee Ragan, 200 Gresham Ashland. Violation of the basic rule, \$10.

MD Heads Morgan 4th District Try

Dr. Paul J. Hoffman, president and director of Oregon Research Institute of Eugene, has been appointed Fourth Congressional District chairman of the Howard Morgan senatorial campaign.

Widely published in a number of scientific journals, Dr. Hoffman has been a consultant to the Navy Department, Armament Systems Personnel Research Laboratory, Lowry Air Force Base, Navy Ordnance Testing Station, China Lake and Veterans Administration Hospital, Palo Alto.

He served as state chairman of Robert W. Straub's campaign for State Treasurer in 1964 and has been active in Democratic Party activities for many years. He and his wife Elaine have two daughters and one son.

CHILLED PEACHES

Coming up--another new product that combines convenience and quality. This time it's sliced fresh peaches packed in wide-mouthed glass jars, chilled and ready to use. They'll be available as long as 12 weeks after the fresh peach season. This new process for preserving fresh peach slices without canning or freezing (refrigeration required) was developed by scientists at the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station working under contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Why I'm Sick

--Reprinted from the California Farmer.

Editor's note: The following is a letter sent to the *Copley newspapers by a San Franciscan.*

I am one of the Americans who heard Mr. Khrushchev tell our Nation that my great-grandchildren will grow up in a Communist world.

For some time now this has bothered me.

I am not a brave man, not even a big one.

I suppose I would have to admit that I am, among my own neighbors and in my own culture, a typical, average, well-educated, genteel suburbanite to whom family, the mortgage and security have been the all-important items.

I am now 50, and soon my wife and I will see the first of our three children married.

I paint my own house, repair my own car, grub my own devil grass and in my own culture, I am a law-abiding man on the quiet side, and dissension makes me terribly nervous. Frankly, I am the kind who simply doesn't have it in him to fight anyone over.

My wife had me cleaning out an old trunk in the storage room the other day, and I ran across the huge old family Bible that I hadn't thought about for years. My great-grandmother had kept a journal of the trip across the Great Plains with a wagon and oxen when she and her grandpa were youngsters coming out to settle in California in the great migration. Great-grandma wrote about it as the wild, new land, rich and abundant in mythical proportions.

On the trail she wrote of sickness and hunger, and heat and cold, and dust and thirst, and the deaths and births like beads strung together on a thread of hope of freedom and a land of plenty for their children yet unborn.

And when she viewed the new land she wrote in simple word pictures of the cities and farms and schools, and happiness that would someday bloom in the greatness of the vast new land. She wrote of her tomorrow and my today.

In all honesty, the thing of which I am most sick is the man who let these things come to me: myself.

And by the living God who made me, sir, I am a sick American who intends to get well.

The ink was badly faded, but the message was clear.

As I read, I began to think about America and being an American and what it all stands for; and I thought about our enemies and what they intend to do to America, to those rich lands and farms, to the cities and the people, to its freedom and its hope.

And, suddenly, I realized that I am a sick American. I mean really sick.

I am sick of panaceas and of backing up.

I am sick of reactions where there should be initiative.

I am sick of bureaucrats who tell me that my enemy is not really my enemy, and that I should live together with murderers and tyrants.

I am sick of government that hasn't the guts to clean traitors out of its own offices.

And I'm sick of being a nice, patient guy about it. I am sick of placidly accepting excuses instead of successes; of being a silent gentleman for fear of controversy.

I am sick of my country being ridiculed all over the world.

I am sick of pink-livered politicians who place personal career above the fate of the flag.

I am sick of 40 years of relentless, creeping, cancerous, communistic godlessness that never once has wavered from its avowed purpose of conquering that flag and seeing it trampled in the mud under Russian boots.

I am sick of my genteel desire to stand pat and pray while the enemy advances.

I am sick of educators who teach tolerance of subversion and of clergymen who would have me quail at the specter of battle and turn my cheek in fear of what our enemies might do.

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THEY PLANNED WELL

"Our Founding Fathers believed that we live in an ordered universe. They believed themselves to be a part of the universal order of things. Stated another way--they believed in God. They believed that every man must find his own place in a world where a place has been made for him. They sought independence for their nation but, more importantly, they sought freedom for individuals; freedom for men as individuals to think and act for themselves. They established a republic dedicated to one purpose above all others--the preservation of individual liberty, protection of a society where men would be free to pursue their purposes in life as they see them. They did not think man's purpose in life is to be determined by government or that government has any business deciding what purposes our society shall serve."

--RALPH W. HUSTED
VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
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2,530 Register For Spring Term

Southern Oregon College registrar, Wayne M. Hood, announced this morning that 2,530 students registered during the opening day of spring term at the college.

This figure represents a new record for spring term registrations, Hood said. The previous spring term record was reached last year when 2,306 students registered for classes.

The first day figure compares with only 1,225 registered during the first day last spring term, but officials do not expect as large an increase in the following days this year. An official estimate of 2,900 students has been made. New registration procedures have made it possible for a larger number of students to enroll on the first day, Hood said.