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EDITORIALS

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By Paul Hornbeck

BLAKE LOOKS GOOD FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT.....

We have not had the pleasure of meeting Walter S. Blake Jr., but his statements several weeks ago in his announcement for the position of state superintendent of public instruction expressed the philosophies which we believe this State need in its educational system.

We received double assurance Sunday that our trust in Dr. Blake is well placed when the lead editorial in the Oregonian gave him quite a panning and told us some good things about him which we had not known.

Seems that all members of our State Board of Education audaciously pledged their support to Dr. Leon Minear, present state superintendent. "It does not want a small replica of the stalemate in California, where the policy-making State Board of Education has long been at odds with the controversial, elected superintendent, Dr. Max Rafferty, of whom Dr. Blake is a disciple," says the Oregonian.

Taking a turn at fairness, we would suggest that Dr. Minear is also a disciple. We would say his mentor is former Cabinet Member Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president of the University of Oregon, the very incarnation of most everything we do not like in our growing system of amoral, imperialistic education.

Unless the voters of Oregon follow the example of California voters and not only elect Dr. Blake, but also defeat Measure No. 2 on the May 24 ballot, it will probably be their last chance for educational freedom in this state. The measure would make the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction appointive instead of elective. That's why this office should be filled if the appointing officials could be depended upon to act solely in the best interests of our children and young people.

So the people of Oregon had better defeat Measure No. 2 on the May 24 ballot and retain their power of restraint over the egotistical educational hierarchy.

THE VIETNAM CRISIS.....

Everybody knows there is a dire crisis in Vietnam today. Because the authority of this column's opinion in international affairs is justifiably suspect to many people, we reproduce below an April 16 editorial from HUMAN EVENTS, certainly a nationally authoritative and responsible periodical.

Why the Viet Nam Crisis

Asian experts are laying the blame for the current violent turmoil in South Viet Nam at the doorstep of Lyndon Johnson and his predecessor, John F. Kennedy. American policy, it is charged, has not only encouraged the current radical demonstrations, but has made Communists out of neutralists and neutralists out of anti-Communists. Here's where—in the opinion of the experts—the United States has failed:



Mistake No. 1: LBJ's "no-win" policy has helped to swell the ranks of the Vietnamese radicals now engaged in anti-American protests. LBJ says he will negotiate with the Reds at any time. He refuses to enlarge the northern bombing, send invasion forces across the 17th parallel or even blockade or mine the Hanoi-Haiphong harbor through which the Reds receive strategic materiel.

Mistake No. 2: America's soft attitude toward Red China. Continued talk among Administration leaders, like Vice President Hubert Humphrey, of bringing China out of isolation plays into the hands of the Viet Cong. The Administration's refusal to protest vigorously the construction of a steel mill

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" BY C. WILSON HARDER

As every housewife knows, the cost of living, especially food prices, have been escalating rapidly, with all predictions they will soar still higher.

While there are several factors involved in this trend of ballooning food prices, a major one has been the interference in farming last season by Labor Secretary William D. Wirtz.



Because of his refusal to let growers, especially in California, have labor to harvest the tomato crop was short. The Labor Department statistics on cost of living shows that between November 1965 and December 1965, the price paid by consumers for canned tomatoes shot up an astounding 1.4 per cent.

The late Rep. John Baldwin before he died compiled figures showing what the Wirtz policies did not only to the price of canned white asparagus to the domestic consumers, but also to the U.S. balance of trade problem.

The Congressman pointed out that the four year average, 1960 through 1964 of white asparagus was 2,058,150. In 1965, because it was impossible to harvest the crop, the pack dropped to 1,269,000 case, or a decrease of 52%.

Grocery stores prices in the product have thus skyrocketed, and at family dinner tables all over the country when it comes time to say grace there is perhaps lifted heavenward a fervent thanks that Wirtz has

made it possible to do without asparagus.

Even more serious in the long range national viewpoint is the fact that canned white asparagus had been built up over the years as a major export item. Congressman Baldwin says that in 1963 and 1964 more than 30 per cent of all canned vegetable items exported by the U.S. were accounted for by white asparagus.

He further reported that while the export value of canned asparagus had been running close to \$16 million, the Wirtz actions have cut this in half, for a loss to U.S. export business of around \$8 million.

If there is added to this loss, the estimated \$6 1/2 million dollar loss in unharvested asparagus, plus lost wages to cannery workers and truckers, the total can run to \$20 million or more.

In addition, if added to this are the losses on tomatoes, strawberries, and other items, plus the extra costs being paid by consumer, it probably would add up to somewhere around a half billion dollars.

So, to paraphrase a famous item of Churchilliana, it could perhaps be said "That never before has a single bureaucratic cost so many so much."

Or to paraphrase another quotation "Consider the bureaucrats. They have neither toiled nor spun, yet are dressed in the finest of raiment and are always ready to interfere with those who do toil and spin." It is awesome to contemplate that one man can cost people a half billion dollars. Even mighty Caesar could not have gotten away with this kind of nonsense.

Something For November

As a matter of passing interest, residents of this area might like to know how our Democrat representative is doing in Washington, D.C., these days.

Robert Duncan, who appears to have the inside track with the Demos in the coming primary election for U.S. Senator, has cast some interesting votes—to say the least.

On that attempted repeal of 14b—the measure that Johnson promised to Big Labor to get its support in 1964—Duncan was one of two Oregon Congressmen who voted for the repeal.

On the foreign aid bills, Duncan voted in favor of a conference report that continues giving U.S. money to countries who

trade with Communist nations. On the measure of giving U.S. aid directly to Communist nations (Egypt, Cambodia, Yugoslavia, Indonesia and others), Duncan was again in there with a hearty "yea" vote.

And on giving funds to the Disarmament Agency which promotes "togetherness" and "interdependence" with the Communists—you guessed it—Bob was right there pitching.

These are just four of the issues that earned our Bob one of the highest ratings given by the ADA—a group that makes no bones about its socialist aims for the United States. Might be something to keep tucked away for the November election.

..... Ashland Daily Tidings

for China by a Western consortium and news that certain elements in the State Department actually favor it may convince Vietnamese leaders America doesn't mean business in the war. Administration support of increasing trade with Soviet Russia and Eastern Europe—chief supplier of North Viet Nam—adds fuel to neutralism. All these actions have seriously impaired the will of the Vietnamese to resist Red aggression.

Mistake No. 3: LBJ's reappointment of Henry Cabot Lodge as ambassador to South Viet Nam. Human Events reported on July 24, 1965, that Lodge's return to Saigon could lead to disaster because his very presence encouraged the Buddhist radicals whom he had befriended when Ngo Dinh Diem was president of South Viet Nam. The Buddhists, of course, are the main agitators against the present Saigon regime.

The Buddhists are infested with neutralists, pro-Reds and Communists, but the main reason their forces have become swollen with power is that both Kennedy and Lodge paved the way for their present strength and prestige.

After Ngo Dinh Diem was toppled with the aid of the Democratic Administration in 1963, a top Vietnamese official told Human Events it would be almost impossible for any subsequent Saigon government to restrain the Buddhist radicals. Kennedy had brought all his guns to bear on Diem, primarily because of Diem's crackdown on the Buddhists. JFK took this harsh line against Diem because, being the first Catholic U.S. President, he didn't want to bear the stigma of helping to persecute a religious minority.

After Diem was toppled, of course, it was revealed that the Buddhists were not being persecuted because of religion, but because they were saturated with Communist and pro-Communist agitators. Lodge was as responsible as anybody for bolstering the radical Buddhist elements. It was Lodge, for example, who harbored Thich Tri Quang in the American embassy. Quang is the Buddhist monk who is credited with toppling at least four Saigon governments and is deeply involved in the present crisis.

According to French records, Thich Tri Quang had twice been arrested during the postwar French occupation of Indochina for dealings with Ho. By his own admission, he was a member of the Viet Minh Liberation Front. French records also show he has a brother working for Ho whose duties are directing subversion of South Viet Nam.

Thich Tri Quang once told the late journalist Marguerite Higgins that he preferred a "neutralist" solution for South Viet Nam and felt he had to remove Diem so he could make an "arrangement" with the north. This Buddhist leader is once again pulling political strings in his country, primarily because Lodge befriended him and gave him power.

These, say the diplomatic experts, are some of the historical mistakes culminating in the current crisis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, Sir: Freedom has always cost something. Perhaps some sweat, blood, money, time, and on occasions, life itself. It is a most precious item to us all.

Please consider what an encroachment on our freedom this Dodd bill, S. 1592, will be if enacted. The Government will have the power to completely confiscate your firearms if determined necessary.

See your local sporting goods store and pick up the information and supplies available. You will find post cards and a list of names and addresses of the Senators and Representatives involved. Please fill them out and mail them while there is yet time.

Very truly yours, William E. Johnston Grants Pass

The Editor, Sir: We no more than got our 1965 income taxes paid before Santa Claus jumped into his JET and gave it away.

Yours truly, Everett Acklin Ashland

Bids Called For Hyatt Lake Road East Of Ashland

Bids are being called for 4.95 miles of base course surfacing and the stockpiling of aggregates for maintenance repair under the Bureau of Land Management Timber Access Road Program, designated project BLM 536-AP, East Hyatt Lake Road in Jackson County, according to Donald L. Schofield, District Manager for the Bureau of Land Management in Medford.

The project is located approximately 15 miles east of Ashland.

Estimated quantities for the work to be performed include 0.5 acre preparation of stockpile site; 4.95 miles finishing previously constructed roadbed; 16,000 cubic yards crushed aggregate base; 800 units water-irrigating; and 4,000 cubic yards of crushed aggregate base stockpiled.

Contract time of 45 calendar days will be allowed for performance of the work.

The improvement is being financed with U.S. Bureau of Land Management timber access road funds.

Steelhead, Salmon License Due

Oregon anglers are reminded that the deadline for returning the 1965 salmon-steelhead license, commonly called the punch card, is fast approaching.

Many punch cards are still in the hands of individuals. If you still have yours, the game commission requests that you dig down in your wallet and return the card immediately to the commission's Portland headquarters, 1634 S.W. Alder. All license agencies have collection boxes for the convenience of the fishermen, who may deposit the punch cards there if they so desire.

Returned punch cards provide the basis for calculating the total catch of salmon and steelhead in all open waters of the state. Analysis of the cards will begin shortly after May 1. It is urgent that anglers return all punch cards so an accurate appraisal of the fishery can be made.

Ashland Breeder Takes 4 Ribbons At Horse Show

Four young Arabian horses owned by Edd and Jean Rountree, Ashland, placed well at the Oregon Arabian Horse Breeders' show held in Salem over the weekend.

Alli Amir placed second in yearling colt class; Raahna placed second in yearling filly class; Ali Geb was third in two-year-old colt class; and Talalla was third among yearling fillies.

More than 200 horses from Washington, California, and Oregon were shown.

A thought for the day—U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt said: "The truth is found when men are free to pursue it."

Bond Issue For Airport Is Approved

An \$832,000 county-wide bond issue to expand the Medford airport was approved by the county court today for the May 24 primary ballot.

An agreement signed by the court will also establish a joint airport commission to run the airport as a county facility. At present the airport is owned and operated by the city of Medford.

Judge Earl Miller, in giving the court's reasons for approving the bond issue, said:

"We are changing in Jackson County and this airport is used and has been used by everyone in the county. Medford has been bearing the expense and it appears they can't keep up in the jet age."

The commissioners, smarting from recent public criticism of their methods in arriving at a decision for the bond issue, said they are leaving the decision up to the public.

Put on the Spot "I don't think the court should be put on the spot," Miller said. "We are putting it to the people."

Commissioner Rodney Keating added, "I think the court should be complimented on its vision."

"The airport is an asset second only to the Portland airport in the entire state. If we don't have air transportation it would be a bad situation."

The agreement, when signed by the commissioners and the Medford City Council, will become part of the ballot proposition.

If the bond issue is approved, a joint powers agency set up by the county and the city would then take over responsibility for expansion of the airport and for operation of the facility.

Flu Still Leads County Disease

The following communicable diseases have been reported to the Jackson County Health Department for the week ending April 8: three cases of impetigo in Medford; one case of pneumonia in Medford; two cases of chicken pox in Ashland and three in Medford; four cases of scabies in Medford; seven cases of mumps in Medford and one in Phoenix; 12 cases of influenza in Ashland and 52 in Medford; and one case of measles in Ashland and one in Medford.

Methods To Battle Poison Hemlock Told By Hubbell

Some weeds are more easily controlled when they are young and are growing vigorously. Therefore, spring or early summer is the time to consider these problems and to put control measures into effect.

There are several of these weeds in the Rogue River Valley which are easily controlled by early treatments, but present a problem if allowed to grow until summer. One of these is Poison Hemlock, a biennial plant sometimes mistakenly called Wild Carrot, Queen Annes Lace, or Wild Parsnip.

Spending For Extras Explained

Southern Oregon College male students who live on campus spend an average of \$82.22 per month on a great variety of "extras."

This statistic, along with a breakdown as to where the money goes, was presented to the members of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce at the group's regular noon meeting held yesterday at the Mark Anthony Hotel.

Ron Newton, a senior in business administration at SOC, presented the statistics as part of a speech dealing with special projects of the college's business students.

Newton told the group he had spent much of the school year collecting the necessary data as part of a senior project.

The information was obtained through a questionnaire distributed to approximately 100 male students living in Siskiyou Hall. The students were instructed by a cover letter to tell approximately how much they spent per month in seven categories ranging from car expenses to food and personal.

Final Figures The final figures showed car and travel expenses to be the greatest. These amounted to 23 per cent of the total expense. Entertainment and clothing were second and third, Newton said.

The survey also showed that the students spent approximately one half of the total amount in Ashland. Another 34 per cent is spent in their home towns and 15 per cent in Medford.

Potash In early days, the operation of making potash from wood ashes was carried out in iron pots; hence the name potash from "pot" and "ashes."

Poison Hemlock, as the name implies, is a poisonous plant. All parts of the plant are poisonous, even the underground structure. Mature plants will grow to five to 10 feet, have fern-like leaves that resemble carrot leaves, as do the flowers. Purple spotted portions generally appear on the lower portion of the stems. This is used as one mark of identification.

Many Locations Poison Hemlock may be found along ditches, roads and lanes, creek banks. At this date plants will range in size from a few inches to possibly a foot. Since Poison Hemlock is susceptible to hormone-type spray, referring here to 2,4-D sprays, now is the time to consider control measures. As the plant increases in size, so does its resistance to control. Uncontrolled areas become dense with growth and the problem is an ever-increasing one.

It might be pointed out at this time that there is no one treatment method for control of these problems. Seeds lying in the ground may exist under conditions are correct for germination. In most of the above mentioned locations, where the ground is not cultivated or worked to bring new seeds to the surface, control can be achieved by preventing the plants from maturing and producing seeds.

Another weed that presents a problem is the Yellow Star Thistle. Its complete eradication would seem impossible, but control can be achieved with 2,4-D sprays. This plant produces a great many seeds and grows well in areas not under irrigation. Fence lines, roadsides and uncultivated areas are favorite locations and control measures should be taken before it spreads into crop ground. Due to the heavy seed yield of this plant, new plants will emerge throughout the spring and summer months. Repeated applications therefore are needed for control of this pest when it is small. If allowed to mature, chemical or mechanical control measures are expensive and not satisfactory.

Chickory, Buckhorn plantain, Sour dock, Bull Thistle, Teasel, Sweet Anis and Mustards, to name but a few, are some of the weeds which are more easily and economically controlled with 2,4-D sprays when the plants are young.

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