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EDITORIALS

FREE PALAVER

By Paul Hornbeck

Editor's Note: Paul Hornbeck is vacationing this week, so in observance of NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK we are running the following guest editorial which appeared in Publisher's Auxiliary.

Other Voices

Obligations of the Press

ON THE NEWS pages the responsible newspaper is obligated to present as unbiased a version of the news as humanly possible. Where an issue is in dispute, the responsible newspaper will present both sides of the argument to the best of its ability.

But in its editorials the honest newspaper will present only its own viewpoint on a given subject. It would be dishonest for the newspaper to argue the other side, the side it believes is wrong.

The editorial page is the opinion page. Subtract the opinion page and, obviously, you have a newspaper without a heart.

A nation's newspapers are considered "the fourth estate"—or the unofficial element of free government to go along with the legislative, judicial and executive branches.

The editorial page is the proper place where a responsible newspaper exercises its obligation of leadership.

This is not to say that there is no place on the editorial page for opposite opinion. The "letters-to-the-editor" column has developed into an integral part of the editorial page.

There are other areas in which many readers do not recognize the beginning and end of a newspaper's responsibilities and obligations.

For one, many readers believe that a newspaper "must" cover all events brought to its attention or "must" delete news of a certain type.

The newspaper's responsibilities in some areas are moral ones. In some cases there is no moral obligation. And in no case is there a legal obligation as to news coverage.

The newspaper is a private enterprise, just as a shoe repair shop or steel mill. Those in charge of its man-

agement are free to adopt a course which will alienate a segment of its readership—or advertisers—and they often do.

Of course, the newspaper business is like all other businesses: Capital and knowledgeable effort—knowledgeable to the highest degree that management can muster—are risked in the open market with the hope of profit. Alienation of enough customers for a long enough period will cause the enterprise to founder, and this also must be a consideration of management.

Which brings us to a vital fact of newspaper life.

The newspaper, like all other business ventures, owes it to itself to be profitable.

Because no newspaper can be truly a member of the free press unless it can achieve a degree of financial independence. This requires first a strong readership, a circulation which represents a healthy dominance of the circulation potential under today's highly competitive conditions. And it requires a substantial amount of advertising spread among a large enough number of clients so that when one or more large advertisers attempt to modify company policy, the management can swallow hard and, if necessary, tell the advertiser to go to hell.

If the newspaper lacks even the financial wherewithal to weather a tempest in a teapot, the community suffers. Beyond the physical appearance of the community, it is the newspaper which primarily represents that community to the outside world.

A strong, healthy, vigorous, courageous newspaper is a community asset. The newspaper which is scared of its shadow is not.

Burt Freireich
The Arizona Publisher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

The first time I heard Bob Duncan was when he spoke to an American Government class at SOC. I gained the idea that this fellow was such a fast talker that he would have sold us the Brooklyn bridge had we been gullible enough to buy it.

Let's look at the record. Several years back Mr. Duncan attempted to bail ex-Gov. Holmes out of trouble because of his stand on Capital punishment. Duncan's theory that men's hearts have softened in recent years is a fallacy in my opinion but he was listening to the bleeding hearts.

Duncan has voted against

appropriations for the House Committee on Un-American activities every time it has come up for a vote since he has been in the house. Just whose side is he on?

Last year when the Becker Amendment (Devised to restore prayer in public schools on a voluntary basis) was before the House Duncan refused to sign the Discharge petition which would have removed the bill from the House Judiciary Committee simply because he was playing politics with Chairman Emanuel Celler. Why shouldn't the whole House be allowed to vote on such a measure? Surely not because a few mislead delegates in the National Council of Churches opposed it. Polls have shown that most laymen favor such an amendment. In addition how many polls have been sent to 4th District constituents by Mr. Duncan to find out how people felt? None that I know of.

Any representative will vote for dams in his District and we do need dams on the Rogue for flood control. On gun control legislation Duncan responded by giving us both sides of the issue instead of saying no gun control legislation. I understand his opponent has taken a stand against this infringement of this important Constitutional right.

This is not to say that I agree with everything Mr. Hatfield has said. In Viet Nam I feel that since we are there we should plan to fight to bring the war to a prompt conclusion as soon as possible.

If you want to continue the fiscal irresponsibility and wasteful spending of your tax dollar and have less take home pay in your pay check just support Mr. Duncan.

I say Bob Duncan has been a full time rubber stamp for both Kennedy and Johnson administrations. Look at the record.

Sincerely,
Laurence E. Cuffel
Medford, Oregon

Raggle Ramblings

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America the Beautiful.
Did our hearts good to see a little good old American patriotism displayed at the game.

GOES BACK....

Mrs. Jones was showing her new maid around the premises and the lady of the house remarked, "This dining room set goes back to Louis the Fourteenth."

"That's nothin'," said the maid, "my set goes back to the store on the fifteenth."

NO TYPE LICE....

If you find some of the reading material in this edition hard to read, the type lice did not pester us this week. That is, unless they are hiding in this typesetting machine!!! Seems this darn thing wants to skip here and there, making the straight matter a little difficult for some eyes, including mine, to read. Just bear with us, we hope we can get a man down to fix it by next week's edition.

Bob: Do you still wake up with a grouch?

Tom: No, I got a divorce.

UNCLE MAS ON SEZ....

One thing about the speed of life... it sure has gone fast.

420 E Pine



8 to 9 DAILY

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9 to 9 SUNDAY

Sportsman's Trails

APLEGATE RANGER DISTRICT....

ROADS: All roads are passable and maintained except Glade Creek. Construction on Yale Creek above Waters Gulch will delay traffic. Dutch Creek Road is closed to unauthorized travel. Logging traffic is moderate on Beaver Creek and heavy on Elliott Creek Monday through Friday.

TRAILS: All trails are open and maintained. Lower portion of Dutch Creek Trail is rough because of logging. CAMPGROUNDS, PICNIC GROUNDS: All are open and maintained.

FISHING: Generally poor. HUNTING: Pigeon and dove hunting is fair.

FIRE DANGER: Temporarily low, but may quickly change to moderate or high with the return of dry weather. Please drown your warming fires at all times.

ASHLAND RANGER DISTRICT....

TRAILS: All trails are open except trails within the Ashland Watershed.

CAMPGROUNDS, PICNIC GROUNDS: All areas are open.

HUNTING, FISHING: Still good fishing in Fish Lake. The water level is very low at the present time. Treatment for trash fish is scheduled for October 4. The limits have not been lifted.

The regular deer season opened Saturday, October 1. Many spikes and forked horns have been seen in the Dead Indian country.

BUTE FALLS RANGER DISTRICT....

ROADS: All roads have been graded and maintained.

TRAILS, CAMPGROUNDS: All are open and maintained.

HUNTING, FISHING: Regular hunting opened Saturday. Hunters are urged to exercise caution when driving Forest roads. Regulations prohibit shooting fire arms from or across any public road.

WILDFLOWERS, AUTUMN

COLOR: Autumn colors are prolific and beautiful. Shaggy mane mushrooms are becoming prevalent along the road banks.

PROSPECT RANGER DISTRICT....

ROADS: Logging traffic will increase after the first of October.

TRAILS: All are open and well marked.

CAMPGROUNDS, PICNIC GROUNDS: All are open and maintained. Water is plentiful.

HUNTING, FISHING: Fishing has been poor. Hunting prospects are good. Several fine bucks were taken in this area during the early hunt.

WILDFLOWERS, AUTUMN COLORS: Wildflowers and berries are gone and the vine maple and maple leaves are turning. We have had some frost in the higher elevations.

FIRE DANGER: Fire danger is still present.

UNION CREEK RANGER DISTRICT....

TRAILS: All are regularly maintained.

ROADS: West Huckleberry

Road is closed by mud slide below Huckleberry access road #311. Logging traffic is light.

CAMPGROUNDS, PICNIC GROUNDS: Campground charges are no longer in effect on the Union Creek District. All campgrounds are open.

HUNTING, FISHING: Poor fishing locally. Deer hunting season opened October 1.

WILDFLOWERS, AUTUMN COLORS: Fall colors are appearing, mostly on dogwood and vine maple trees throughout the area. Red berries are appearing on the mountain ash.

OFFICE HOURS: The Ranger Station is open from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and from 9 am to 6 pm on weekends.

Union Creek Resort, Chevron Station and Beckie's Cafe are open daily from 8 am to 7 pm. Cabins, lodge rooms, groceries, gifts and fishing and hunting supplies are available at the resort.



Say goodbye to that obsolete flame-type furnace and all its bulky pipes and flues, when you switch to flameless electric heat.

No wonder 64% of all new homes and apartments built last year in a five-state area we serve chose electric heat. It's a big value from Pacific Power.

PACIFIC POWER

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Prime Minister Harold Wilson's recent courtship of the U.S. underscored the present plight of Britain. England is in the red, with an unfavorable balance of foreign payments, upward spiraling of wages and living costs—but without increased productivity.

Both the Tory and Labor parties have refused to face the sterling crisis and the fact that the country has been living off the C. W. Harder's exports for a long period. England's exports are far short of her vitally-needed imports; she has to buy half of her food from abroad, and imports almost all the raw materials utilized by her industries.

In order to increase her competitiveness in the world market, Britain needs a reduction in the price of goods to increase her exports, and modernization of out-of-date machinery, which is not only more antiquated than the capital goods of competitors, but requires more workers to operate.

But is the U.S. less guilty of overbalancing its own economic scale? The country is still in debt despite record tax collections. The Kennedy-Johnson administrations have raised the legal debt limit six times. Aside from defense expenditures, the greatest drain on the Great Society budget is borrowing.

Although American industry has invested \$190 million in new industrial equipment, and

output per man hour last year fell below its 4-year record, returning to the low of 1961. And to compound troubles, commercial loans and investments increased twice as rapidly as the Gross National Product.

The major cities of the nation erupt like a series of smoldering volcanoes each summer, spewing fire, destruction and bloodshed. The streets of America's key cities are often as dangerous to walk after dark as headlined global hotspots.

The cities have been largely deserted by the citizens they so vitally need. Independent merchants who have been burnt out of business cannot summon the resources to start anew, and give up their enterprises.

A simple economic solution often lies in the provision of jobs for the unemployed, but the floodgates of immigration continue to admit newcomers while close to half the slum population of U.S. cities are without work.

While the Administration pours billions into Vietnam weekly, U.S. civic leaders, desperately trying to prevent further decay and destruction to their cities, are stalled in their attempts to extract a fraction of the weekly war expenditure.

The home building business is experiencing the worst recession in 12 years. Construction of public utilities and schools has not increased in volume, only become more expensive.

Is the U.S. really in a position to hand over more aid to Britain? Or is Uncle Sam merely in a less advanced state of

Chief's Blotter



TRAFFIC COURT....

Chester Paul Carney Jr., 105 New Street, Talent.

Disobeyed traffic signal. \$10 fine.

Harold Eugene McGrath Jr., 7917 Division Rd., White City. Excessive noise. \$5.

Carl Eugene Paulsen, 725 S. Fifth, Central Point. Improper lane usage. \$5.

Dorlene Joyce Bradford, 835 Cherry Street, Central Point. Disobeyed stop sign. \$5.

Michael James Hughes, 2183 Fish Hatchery Rd., Grants Pass. Failure to yield. \$15.

Robert J. Foltz, P.O. Box 271, Eagle Point. Illegal possession. \$25.