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## Where The Strength?

One of the things that aggravates most of us is those who oppose us, whether it be in personal matters or on a wider plane. And one of the things that occupies our mind, whether or not we like to admit it, is the way to still that opposition and render it less harmful to our own way of thinking.

There is a congressman in the national capitol who has been obsessed with the Communist problem. Of course, he is not alone. Because of the great emphasis of the subject, even children of grade school age are alerted to these "reds" who might have infiltrated into their lunch boxes or family closets.

It is one thing to be considered with a problem. It is another to become so unnerved before it that you would throw all constitutional government to the winds and careen tipsily through the traditions of restraint so as to deliver yourself into the arms of a nervous or governmental breakdown.

Presidential aspirant Thomas Dewey, for instance, at least shows some respect for the integrity of the American people in decrying the abdication of constitutional principles in favor of a vicious thought-police regime as bad as marked Nazi and Japanese conduct during the latest World War.

Congressman Karl Mundt, however, does not measure up to Dewey's stature, as can be seen from his sponsored measure, bearing his name, which is popularly dubbed an "anti-red" measure.

This bill, originating in the house of representatives, purports to require registration of any publication which opposes any act of the national government and would seek to change it. Such a publication would have to register with some bureaucratic department and print the information of such registration on its front page.

Then, hidden away in the measure, is a condition that a \$10,000 fine would be imposed upon anyone who edits, manages or works for such a publication. In other words, anyone who challenges any act of government, whether it be domestic or international.

If Representative Mundt can find any justification for his measure, he would probably have to go back into his own dubious background to locate it. And he might also reveal, if he had a mind to do so, what interests are behind the piece of legislation.

For this is no ordinary legislation, designed by a worried citizen as a means of forestalling an attack upon national institutions. This is a vicious piece of handiwork to abrogate any voice that would criticize any act of the federal government. It looks suspiciously like a trick deal trading upon a carefully fashioned hysteria. Like the pronouncement of one presidential aspirant who went "al the way" in Portland recently, on this question, it reflects a repeated thesis that the country wants Communists outlawed.

The grim joker in this bill by Mundt is that it seeks to answer one alleged expression of the populace yet goes beyond all reason in stifling an inherent American right and tradition, namely free speech and free press.

The danger of such a crack-pot, thinly veiled measure is not in its acceptance by the whole piece. It threatens the future because, though a cinch to be ruled unconstitutional, it nevertheless sets up the avenue upon which an equally vicious law in altered form might roll in substituted as a "lesser evil."

When no act of government can be criticized, when no change of foreign policy can be advocated, when no free and vigorous voice can be raised in behalf of an improved society without drawing defamation and abuse, just where, Democracy, is your strength?

## Like The Old Shell Game

Pioneer days were lusty and rugged, in many phases. In any settlement of the Old West, whether in Oregon, California or Alaska, there was a spirit of high adventure. And on that high adventure, many a sharp-shooter thrived.

One of the most fascinating devices, which sometimes stole upon a man in an unguarded moment was popularly famed and defamed as "the old shell game."

Purpose of this pastime, apparently, was to determine under which of three walnut shells you could find a dried pea. Of course, there were also some who contended that it was only a trick meant to fatten the wallet of the grifter who set up the game.

In fact, on pioneer trails, the old shell game was recognized as an out and out swindle. Sleight of hand and fast-talking tricks always marked the performance, as well as the subsequent transfer of money or goods in kind.

On the face of it, it would seem that such a game would run out of suckers, after the first time around. The cries of anguish and tales of hardship traced to individual jousts with the practice should have sufficed to keep the bunco victims away. Yet, the game went on and on and has still kept alive, up to the present day.

Human nature being what it is, you have to take a stout club and knock some sense into some heads.

There are many parallels to this history-honored shell-game tradition. Some of them are not on the same plane, of course. But the cute little trick still remains. Under what shell is the pea?

This editorial column, prior to the close of registration for the May 21 primaries, advocated a sweeping charge of registration for Democratic partisans in order to give them a chance at a voice in government affairs by actually participating in the selection of candidates offering to serve in public offices.

We believe strongly in the basic responsibility of citizenship, which expresses itself by a vote in any and all elections. But we do not believe it is good citizenship for a voter to pass up an election because his party has failed to provide a reasonable choice between candidates for all public offices.

Our plea did not endorse a "one party rule" of the county. Rather, it strongly condemned the political maneuvering which always knows under which shell the old pea might be found.

Democratic registrations have gained about 52 per cent over 1944 registrations, as compared to a Republican increase of about 42 per cent. Against that indicated wish to vote Democratic by a growing number of citizens, the Washington County Democratic organization strained very few muscles to produce enough candidates to make a "two party" electoral system a reality.

On the eve of the primary elections, the Washington County Democratic central committee, we are informed belatedly, will undertake a "vigorous campaign" to contest all three county seats in the legislature and at least two county posts.

Perhaps, to the wearied Democratic partisans who have looked in vain for signs of life within this central committee, this aggressive stand will bring joy and rejoicing. But isn't it a little late to make declarations with filing deadline long past?

Is it possible that the Democratic central committee wants to keep everything under control by limiting such candidates as they have to one per county office? Does the fear that primary campaigning might bring out arguments that would embarrass the top clique of party moguls make the limitation on primary candidates the only safe way to keep the party organization alive?

Anyone has a right to file for office, on any recognized party. Is the shortage of such Democratic filings due to a threat that party support would be withheld from non-sanctioned politicians?

Things may not be what they seem. Maybe the master mind that piles the county-wide game is not manipulating the shells and asking the voters to guess where the pea is—which is all the time resting in the hand of the master-mind.

Maybe the Democratic party organization, from a deep dream of peace, has suddenly awakened to find that its name is close to the top of listed political partisans. Maybe they are but lately realizing their responsibility to prosecute a vigorous activity for those who have faith in their label.

But from all appearances, it might well seem like the old shell game, again.

## ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

### Events As Chronicled by Our Contemporaries In Northwest Communities

#### "CASEY JONES"

There's a new "Casey Jones" in Elgin, Union county, after the hectic ride of a 1934 model school bus when a broken axle put the brakes out of commission just as the driver started down a steep hill.

Panic and fear which swept the bus occupants, reports the Eastern Oregon REVIEW, was kept to a minimum by the driver who reminded his young charges that they should ride it through, just like the Casey Jones of song and story would.

At the end of the careening ride, the 24 passengers piled out to continue their trek to school by foot. And their chorus was, "So long, Casey."

#### FARM LABOR HELP

Plenty of work for those seeking it in the berry and vegetable fields will be apportioned by a newly opened Oregon state employment service branch, at St. Helens, according to the SENTINEL-MIST.

Farm labor procurement, previously, was handled by the county agent's office but recent separation of the employment service from the extension service has resulted in a strictly local office.

Strawberry fields will call for help first, the last part of this month. Late frosts and a reluctant spring has reportedly done definite damage to berry crops but plenty work is expected, once the annual harvest begins.

Other picking requirements will be for beans, peas, cucumbers and can berries, for which last year's peak required more than 600 field workers.

#### TROUBLES IN CODE

Striving to maintain operation after two recent disastrous fires had levelled the original plant, a planing mill at Gresham has run up against troubles in code—building code.

In a recent city council meeting, there was a wrangle of about one hour's duration between the city building inspector and owner of the mill, reports the OUTLOOK. Caught squarely in the middle was the city fathers and they sat desperately clutching the city building code for guidance.

The building inspector said that the planing mill to be, in order to meet fire-restrictions and reg-

ulations of its neighborhood, should be so constructed that the entire building could be closed off and locked when it wasn't in operation. This to minimize fire hazards from external sources and protect nearby residences and buildings.

The mill owner pointed out that the type of construction necessary for complete closure, as suggested, would not meet the needs of the industrial plant. Likewise, the type of structure intended was not a sufficient fire hazard to demand such extreme measures of fire protection.

The city council has come to the conclusion that troubles in code take a long time to straighten out.

#### FIREMEN'S TRICKS

A general brushing up of the tricks in fighting fires will result from the first training course offered in the Forest Grove area when, according to the NEWS-TIMES, twenty-one hook and ladder devotees complete the study next month. Examinations will be held and all who earn a grade of 70 or higher will be awarded a diploma, from the state fire marshal's office.

Indoor meetings dealt with organization; department discipline and training; chemistry of fire; apparatus handling and maintenance; water supply; hose, nozzles and fire streams; ladders; minor equipment, forcible entry; rope in fire service, fire extinguishers; salvage equipment; ventilation; gas masks and rescue; exposures and overhauling.

Outside training includes the following drills: plain evolutions of hose, ladder, salvage, hoisting and rope, and small tools as well as combined evolutions of hose and ladders.

#### BUSINESS SUBS

There was an overall substitution in leading Oregon City business houses last week when high school took over management for one day, as part of their field work in distributive education, reports the BANNER COURIER.

The youngsters really took the day seriously and set owners or managers of business over a stiff hurdle course. One, for instance, was reprimanded for not paying a full day's attention to business, as when he went out for his coffee "mug-ups" with other business cronies.

Like eager beavers, the students took maxims from their school books as the chart for their one-

day stands. Some of the managers found this an excellent day for wrapping up unfinished business elsewhere or for getting a permanent wave, or going fishing. Others, however, bravely stood the gaff of the critical business subs. And all agreed, once the hectic day was at end, that the students had made a fine showing of their one-day entry into the world of Management.

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## Social Hygiene Study Classes

"We have dared to do what other states dream about," emphasized Fred Scherer, director of social hygiene education, Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association, at the second meeting of the sex education study class at Pacific university under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Genne, Mr. Scherer, who just returned from a social hygiene education conference in Chicago, reported that Oregon's movement has definitely taken shape in the last year, has stepped out way ahead, and is entirely unparalleled anywhere else in the United States.

Study of sex education should never be undertaken as a "must" program, rather it is intended for those with a mutual interest, a selected group of individuals who care enough to attend special meetings, especially parents of pre-school children, he further pointed out. He divided a survey of the growth of infancy to marriage into four developmental cycles: 1. Pre-school; 2. Elementary; 3. Age of puberty, or transition; 4. The teener, and on up to

parents, and even grandparents when they may be in a position to influence pre-school children.

The class of forty, including students of the health education class, P. U., learned from the study pamphlets, and Rev. Genne, that sex education is founded on basic and sound principles, tempered from time to time to suit the personality of the persons who are needing it. In answering the questions of children, the parent who gets it should answer it. The old notion that it is entirely mother's job, is wrong. Rev. Genne said that this part of married life, as with all other phases, should be mutually shared, and based on an equalitarian principle.

The E. C. Brown Trust film, "Human Growth" will be shown and explained by Mrs. Oma DeDernardis, supervisor of visual education of the Portland public schools at the Wednesday evening, (April 14) 7:30 o'clock class to be held at the physics room, basement of McCormick hall. A change of classrooms will be necessary to permit more room for the showing of the film. Future lessons will be held in room 6, Marsh hall, as usual. Zola F. Morgan, executive secretary, Washington Co., Public Health Assn.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### Take Your Choice, Neighbor!

The missus—who writes our Woman's Column in the *Clarion* under the name of "Nancy Gale"—gets letters about recipes, advice on etiquette, home management, etc.

One letter she got last week was about a recipe she published for Welsh Rarebit—made with tart cheese, Worcestershire, and a cup of sparkling tangy beer. "Turned out great," says her correspondent. "But you didn't mention what beverage to serve with it. Should I serve beer? Cider? Iced tea?"

The missus' answer was simply:

"Any beverage your guests prefer. You don't have to serve cider—any more than you have to serve beer...but it's often courteous to let guests have a choice."

From where I sit, that simple answer applies to more items than Welsh Rarebit. In a world where everyone has different tastes and ideas—we should recognize those differences—and never deny the right of choice to anyone!

*Joe Marsh*

# FRIDAY, MAY 21

## FREE COOKING DEMONSTRATION



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2:00 to 4:30 P. M.

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