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PATTERN OF NORMALCY

As elections go, it seemed like a good representative vote, with all the killings and wild agitation which accompanied it. President Quirino, of the Philippine Islands, won his re-election with a handsome vote, after overcoming an early lead built up by Jose Laurel, his closest opponent.

Actually, to anyone who had the opportunity to "feel the pulse" of the Philippine nation at the time of its liberation from Japanese occupation, the political contest was surprising evidence of healing wounds, if nothing else.

One of the impressive notions that came from observing the actions of the Filipinos at the arrival of American warships and fighting men to free them from an oppressor's rule was the serious regard they demonstrated at the return of liberty.

Scarcely had the first naval vessel started its bombardment to the accompaniment of aerial attack when individual Filipinos dug out their best remaining clothes and dressed up to the hilt to welcome the American fighting men. Entire families, from the smallest infant to the most doddering grandfather or grandmother, loaded themselves into a variety of boats and rode out in the thick of battle to show their gratitude.

The sight, at Leyte, of these people sculling into the bay, unmindful of the fight between ships and planes with bomb and bullets and blazing casualties on the water and dropping from the skies was not soon forgotten. In their eagerness and their unrestrained joy, they showed magnificent disregard of the dangers that surrounded them.

Nor did later contact with the people, after their liberation, discount the impression that here the ideals of liberty and human dignity were definitely enshrined. There were statues of their revered fighters for freedom and in the very speech of the people were tones that spoke a love for liberty.

Take, for instance, a retired civilian worker of the U. S. Navy; pre-war, in Cavite City.

He told of his wartime experience under Japanese occupation, a story of sordid brutality. But there was pride and significance in his statement "No Japanese ever entered this house"—a sentiment which was echoed in kind by a teen-age daughter and a teenage war veteran son.

And one evening in the narrow quarters of a laborer, with his wife and family of three young sons and small daughter, strengthened the belief that after liberation the country would throw out collaborators without mercy, once life regained some degree of normalcy.

Constant reminder of the occupation could be seen in more than the memory of the people. Acres of rubble where once stood proud buildings and installations should have been regarded as a continuous jog against complacency and laissez faire.

And yet, little more than four years after the ending of a personal nightmare to the proud people of the Philippines, the amazing fact is shown that Laurel, who had been installed as a Japanese puppet during occupation, found enough support in a national election to seriously challenge President Quirino. The bitterness so many individuals in the Islands expressed toward him and everything concerned with the occupation makes the vote total of the Japanese puppet seem strangely inconsistent.

Does it mean the Philippine people had forgotten so soon, that a large segment of them would endorse the symbol of their national disgrace? Are the fires of bitterness died down, in four years, and the past put out of mind?

It might be that old wounds have healed and the sins of occupation recognized as an exigency of the past, not an indication of the present and the future. If so, we might well regard the Philippine election as part of the worldwide pattern of normalcy.

NO MATTER WHO DOES IT

It was a long time coming and whatever the cause, the long range, coordinated plan of development for the Columbia Basin offers a glow of hope that something tangible will be accomplished for the prosperity of the Pacific Northwest of the future.

Ever since the small band of believers in Columbia River Basin first offered the long-range view of power, irrigation, navigation and allied developments, the concept of this plan has been readily understood by the common man who could only wonder why more acceleration to the idea was not forthcoming.

Then, after bureau and overlapping bureau began to make surveys, lay plans and actually accomplish certain things to more clearly define the visions of the early believers, there originated in the halls of Congress a bill for the establishment of a Columbia Valley Administration.

The measure was publicized, at first, as a means of circumventing the underbrush of red-tape which had grown around the ma-

neuverings of the various bureaus charged with basin responsibilities. And the pattern from which the measure would be cut was the Tennessee Valley Authority, which has a number of significant arguments in its favor.

Of course, the administration of the TVA gathered unto itself many fold enemies who declared it a ruthless dictatorship unmindful of the rights and liberties of the individual citizens within its orbit. And if the CVA would bring such a festering political sore to the Pacific Northwest, no right-thinking citizen would readily accept it.

Now, however, the bureaus and agencies which have been making passes at the breath-taking picture of Columbia Basin development finally present a plan of orderly, interagency development. Proponents of the CVA declare their project is not dead. But if the plan put forward can be translated into achievement, CVA will not need to meet its test.

Considerable support has been tenaciously given to CVA as a vehicle for development of the Columbia Basin. Even though the argument rages around a three-man authority in whose hands would be concentrated great power was a frightening aspect made even more terrifying by its interpretations, there was a continuing evidence that the Pacific Northwest area was being held back by laggard development of its greatest asset—the Columbia River and its tributaries.

Take the matter of industry. Unless there is an increasing source of electric power, there cannot be the addition of new factories and new payrolls to spur the prosperity of the future. With a rationing of power imposed during peak seasons, does it seem an act of progress to withhold construction of facilities vital to the welfare of the entire area?

And in agriculture and the reclamation of acre after acre of rich, fertile soil, enough has already been shown to justify great hopes from irrigation development to make semi-deserts bloom.

The nation would gain immeasurably by bringing into production the lands of the Columbia basin. One needs only to take a trip through the Yakima valley to feel the need of urgency in getting some development going.

So, it comes to the point now that an overall plan is outlined and the fact is inescapable that the important thing is getting something done, no matter who does it.

GIVE THE KIDS A BREAK!

Under the leadership of Kiwanis International, attention is being focused this week on the plight of underprivileged and needy children. November 19th has been set as the official National Kids Day Foundation dance, for the raising of funds to carry on Kiwanis youth projects within the club's area of influence.

In the Tualatin valley, it develops that there are many youngsters who are underprivileged—even above the economic level usually associated with the term. They are underprivileged in the sense that they are lacking recreational facilities and outlets which some communities provide for their young.

There are others than Kiwanians, of course, who recognize the recreational needs of a growing generation. In the Multnomah area, for example, there recently was prosecuted an intense, though unsuccessful, campaign for the setting up of a recreation district. And even though the general public fell down in its support of the meritorious idea, many were actively behind it.

In Tigard and Beaverton, at the present time, there are attempts to meet the lack of recreation for youngsters. But the going is slow and harassments are many. Tigard aims for a youth recreation center, where teen-agers particularly might meet for various activities.

Beaverton, having finally started a youth center the past summer, is hard pressed to keep it going. Cooperating in the Kiwanis salute to youth, the recreational committee other civic and fraternal organizations and churches are holding a cooperative carnival in the Merle Davies school, November 18, to benefit the planned program for the Beaverton area.

Complete support is required for the activities of the Kiwanis clubs and every other group of citizens who attempt to achieve a program of recreation to local areas.

And the time is long overdue to give the kids a break!

THE FEDERAL DEBT

It is common knowledge that the policy of the Federal Reserve authorities is presently strongly influenced, if not dominated, by considerations related to the management of the Federal debt. The Federal debt of \$250 billion comprises about 60 per cent of all the outstanding debt in the country.

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS CHRONICLED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES
IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

THIS MACHINE AGE

The hazards of the machine age are recognized at Gresham.

The OUTLOOK relates that a 73-year old man at Bridal Veil came a-cropper in a tumble from a newly purchased motorbike and thus learned possession of such a vehicle was no respecter of well-being.

The oldest suffered face and head injuries when he stepped on the gas pedal instead of the brake and was thrown head-first to the pavement.

He had purchased the motorbike just the day before.

RUSHING THE CALENDAR

Oswego is treated to an example of rushing the calendar.

The REVIEW prints a communication from the Pacific T and T which designates the telephone prefixes which will be used WHEN full Portland telephone service is extended to the town, in 1951.

This promised service, it might be remembered, has been offered as justification for a recent phone company raise in rates. Present toll rates, it is promised, will be abandoned for all incoming or outgoing calls between Portland and a list of fringe communities (which will also include Beaverton).

In case you wonder, the Oswego prefix will be Blackstone while Evergreen will serve Milwaukie and Oak Grove.

TURKEYS FOR ALL

Not "ham and eggs on Thursday" but "Turkeys for all" is the byword at McMinnville these days.

The TELEPHONE-REGISTER banner heads the campaign and has a four-column engraving of a turkey gobbler on its front page drawing attention to the drive.

And everyone of note, from governors of 48 states and the president of the United States to the president of Turkey himself, will be the recipients of bronze-breasted beauties that have become the traditional byword of Thanksgiving day feasts.

The Pacific Coast Turkey exhibit got underway this Tuesday and a big time was ready and waiting for the start of a four-day celebration. Window decorations covered the town and street banners waved proudly in behalf of King Turk.

Birds entered from all over the coast will compete in a judging show. Turkey dogs will vie against each other for trophies and the handsome reward of dog food. Even the "Voice of America" government radio show beamed all over the world, has put in a bid for a recording of the grand opening of the show for international broadcast.

Sounds like a turkey trot of no small dimensions!

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