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PERILS OF A CRUSADE

Until October 16, every American in the land will have an opportunity to join the "Crusade for Freedom", a nation-wide movement designed to speak with conviction for freedom, faith and peace throughout the world.

There are many inspiring factors in the appeal being made from coast to coast, for signers. A magnificent 10-ton Freedom Bell will be installed in Berlin, Germany, as a symbol of hope for the oppressed and enslaved people everywhere.

Here may the determination of every American to resist the negation of liberty and the obliteration of Man's dignity and spiritual self-respect find expression. Each name enrolled in the crusade will be permanently enshrined in the base of this Freedom Bell, to be dedicated on United Nations Day, October 24.

The words are noble and inspiring. Let us hope that those who are in the forefront of this crusade do not become tangled up in the pretty phrases and the idealistic prospectus.

The partial list of sponsors for this National Council of the Crusade for Freedom, as supplied, offers a wide selection of men and women for endorsement. There are newspaper columnists, generals, politicians, bankers, publishers, literary figures, movie actors, liberals, conservatives, labor leaders, educators, ministers and people unclassified. Surely this should be enough to identify the movement as general and of wide base.

Unfortunately, of course, sponsors are only sponsors. The most decisive mark of any group is its aims. In this regard, the Crusade for Freedom seeks the establishment of a network of "free radio stations", to answer Communist propaganda and spread the message of democratic truths.

This proposed network, however, will not be hampered nor restricted by the needs of diplomacy or the responsibilities of caution which the government's "Voice of America" must observe. And from this rather hazy element of the picture there might be room for doubt or question.

Who will control broadcasts from this network of "freedom stations"? Who will be the vigilant watchdog to keep away ulterior interests who might pay lip service to the ideals of the Crusade while determined upon a course of selfish purpose?

Diplomatic formalities are sometimes overdrawn, to be sure. But a government must assume responsibilities for its propaganda in direct proportion to its reliability. Who would be responsible for the propaganda which might be issued from an uncontrolled broadcasting outlet, purportedly reflecting the dominant voice of the American people at large?

Irresponsible outbursts on the august floor of the Congress of the United States have, in the past, imperiled the national interest. Can we be assured that the freedom radio stations would consistently refrain from impairing national policy?

The story of freedom and democracy needs to be told, retold, retold, retold and retold, over and over and over again. But the prospect of encouraging incomplete, unauthoritative statements in a time of such tense international relations is frightening.

Lack of a reliable, responsible standard of information is surely one of the perils of this Crusade, no matter how high the ideals of those who inscribe their names on its rolls.

FUTURE HEALTH PROJECT

In the interest of public health education, fully as much as for any other reason, the county department of public health offers a service of great significance to "well" babies whose general good health might keep them from the observation of a medical practitioner, otherwise.

Various service organizations and groups within the county have taken on these well baby clinics as a club project. They take care of appointments, secure suitable quarters and in every way assume the responsibility of sponsorship.

A mother may take her youngster, free of charge, to these clinics and have the benefit of competent medical examination. Tips for guidance to continued good health and the pointing out of any ill or tendency to illness are offered on the basis of qualified, reliable medical information.

Personal benefits from these public health examinations are tangible in many ways. The necessary "shots" are given when required and a general checkup of the young citizen of tomorrow offers some peace of mind to parents whose offspring are in seeming good health.

For the public good, however, these clinics have even a wider value. The concept of public education in matters of health is long-range and of real importance for the world to be. It is a lesson which needs emphasizing and repetition that we are what our health allows us to be.

In the eastern end of the county, four different well-baby clinics are maintained. In Cedar Mill, on the first Tuesday of the

month, from 2 to 4 p. m., a clinic is held. Appointments are made with Mrs. Irene McCauley, phone Beaverton 3943.

In Garden Home, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at the school, there is a clinic from about 2 to 4. Mrs. Marian Miller, Cherry 5027 makes appointments.

Beaverton features the clinic on the second Monday of the month, from about 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Hildah Highbe, phone Beaverton 4926, takes appointments.

On the third Tuesday of the month, from 2 to 4 p. m., Tigard mothers have this service. Mrs. John E. Phemister, Route 2, Box 170E, Tigard, will furnish further information and set hours of appointment.

Volume of examinations sometimes requires liberalizing of hours and the importance of making early appointments must not be overlooked. In order to service the greatest number, plans and schedules should be carefully worked out.

Certainly there is great community good which will result from these projects in behalf of the future health of the nation.

PROHIBITION'S HYPOCRISY

Part II

Hypocrisy is insincerity, pretense, falsehood, a seeming to be of what is not.

There is a great moral tax or assessment put upon the character of any person or any nation which is enmeshed in the blind alleys of falseness and hypocrisy. It is, indeed, a delusion to fall victim of an insincere doctrine in which one tries mightily to believe, without the foundation of honest fact to support him.

A matter of grave importance the full content of which we must assiduously study and investigate is the initiative measure upon which we will be called to vote, regarding the denial of equal rights on the market of any brand of alcoholic beverage which has been subject to "promotive advertising".

Let us examine the term "promotive advertising". Promotive means anything tending to promote. Promotive means advertising. Whether directly or indirectly, any advertising is promotive, inasmuch as it tends to develop a favorable response in those who read, hear or see it.

Now when liquor ads contain anything more than the name of the product, under the spirit of this initiative, they tend to promote not only the sale of liquor but also the debauchery of youth, the moral breakdown of those unable to resist the lures of insidious John Barleycorn. Here might be a commendable thought, if it were based in logic and proved by the existing pattern of reality.

But whatever the good intentions and the determination to save our fellow man from himself, there comes a time to compare the dream world and the world with rough corners and a seamy side.

Those who can sanctimoniously point the way to salvation for others might do well to face one fact. They do not control the nature of Man. They cannot impose, by the strategy of political crusades, any pattern of conduct which the public at large refuses to accept.

This does not seem, at its roots, to be a campaign born of the churches of the state. Or, if it is, certainly the leaders of each congregation might well study the probable effects such a measure will have upon their flocks and the children who will succeed them.

Take the matter of hypocrisy, which is surely an issue to consider in this measure.

The basic purpose of the bill is to impose a degree of prohibition and stop the stimulation of liquor consumption. As has been proved by the open debauchery, the association of a great portion of the populace with evil, criminal elements during the last experience of constitutional prohibition, it is impossible to enforce a denial of drink.

There would not be enough prohibition agents in the state of Oregon to absolutely cut off the consumption of "promotively advertised" liquor, no matter how diligently the attempt were pursued. Nor would there be money enough, on a long-term basis, to pay for any such law-dictating attempt.

Rather than hinder the consumption of liquor, this attack on advertised liquors would doubtless challenge the young and lead them into the very bad habits it would presume to forbid. The rebellion which would follow in the minds of men who like to believe themselves free would encourage drunkenness as the most effective way of attacking a fraud and an injustice.

Drinking of alcoholic beverages, since repeal of the Volstead act, has become widespread. Of this the nation cannot be proud. But trying to dictate to the public what can and cannot be consumed in the way of legally manufactured alcoholic beverages is hardly to be recommended as an effective remedy.

To suppose that a measure of legislation or any other scrap of paper will force upon anyone an unwilling abstinence of alcoholic drink is the most short-sighted fiction in the entire picture of prohibition's hypocrisy.

(To be continued)

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS SCHEDULED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES
IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

FISH BARKS BACK

If a man bites a dog, it would be no more unusual than the fish which the GRESHAM OUTLOOK claims, practically barked back at a dog.

The reverse English on the barking situation seemed to put a new angle on the security closing of Bonneville dam area to spectators. Perhaps, it is offered, the closing might be to protect the people from pugnacious and disputatious salmon.

A dog had been barking at a large Chinook salmon with a great deal of enthusiasm when the fish leaped out of the hatchery pond and made after the canine, issuing a sort of protest with every slap of its scaly tail.

The scramble of dog vs. fish lasted about two minutes, according to report, before the latter was pushed back to its usual element in the water of the pool.

WHAT TIME YOU GOT?

The WILLAMINA TIMES pinpoints a matter of confusion in pointing out the matter of time.

According to ordinance, the "standard" time returns on September 25. Yet, daylight saving time to the contrary notwithstanding, schools opening September 11 operate on standard time.

Surely, here's a bundle of confusion!

STWO MILLIONS WORTH

North Bend eyes an impressive construction record for the year 1950.

The COOS BAY HARBOR quotes the city engineer as the prophet who sets building permit totals for the year as \$2 million.

In the past three years, such permits have passed the million dollar mark but never have they hit two million. In August of this year, permits totaled \$87,400, compared to \$44,910 for August of 1949.

ANOTHER RECORD FALLS

In Gresham was repeated the old adage that champions are made to be dethroned just as records are set only to be exceeded.

The OUTLOOK observes that the standing record of five years for three 90 degree or above days in August has toppled.

This year, with its burst of caloric intensity, registered nine such days in the month of August. Highest temperature of the month was 96 degrees and the lowest was 46.

COLUMBIA COUNTY COAL

Vernonia may expect a call from John L. Lewis most any day, now.

The EAGLE announces that coal is on the way from the Vernonia Coal Mines, Inc., after a long and determined effort.

Workmen have been busy at the mine site during the summer preparing for production of the black lumps. It is rated as high-grade, sub-bituminous and openings of mine shafts are at the same place that mining was first started in about the year of 1890.

Retail sales will begin at once. The coal will be hauled anywhere within a trucking distance of 125 miles. A new caterpillar is engaged in road construction from the mine.

POSTOFFICE MATERIALIZES

Sheridan postoffice customers will no longer be denied adequate surroundings with which to do business by mail.

The SUN enlightens its readers with the news that a new postal building has been approved and construction will begin at the earliest possible.

Plans call for a concrete block building 40 by 60 feet. Final details are being whipped into shape to push the project along to completion.

Need for expanded facilities have been acute, postal officials point out. Gross receipts, from postage alone, have increased from \$5,214.19, in 1930, to \$20,027.13, in 1949. City delivery service was initiated in February of this year.

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OLD DARK BROWN TASTE

McMinnville water-users are discovering that old "dark brown taste" in their quaffing and there's nothing much to do about it.

The TELEPHONE REGISTER credits the harmless unpleasantness of local H2O to growth of a new type algae, invisible except by microscope but present in such quantity as to affect the taste of the water.

The algae is vegetable in nature, not animal, and is in no way injurious.

The long hot season, which raised the temperature of the reservoir water to about 60 degrees is blamed for the phenomenon. One of the reservoirs was under extensive alteration throughout the summer and without a roof, which too contributed to the algae growth.

CITY BUILDING CODE

Milwaukie has a building code, with zone restrictions, as was pointed out recently in a couple of incidents.

The REVIEW tells of a recommendation made to the city council for the immediate hiring of a building inspector, to be paid by fee, to check construction in the city as to electrical wiring, plumbing, sanitary conditions and workmanship.

Second situation put a building contractor on the spot for violation of the city zone ordinance in building a dwelling where it shouldn't ought to be. The culprit had allegedly disregarded repeated warnings.

TIME TO LIGHT LANTERN

In Hood River, there is evidence enough that Diogenes need only take time to light his lantern to find an honest man.

The NEWS says that back in 1941 a local man sold a trailer on the understanding that the buyer would pay it up later.

It was some time later, as a matter of fact just a few scant weeks ago, that the buyer found himself in a position to do as he had promised. Then the hurdle to the pay off was that the trailer and its new owner were in Colorado and the name of the seller had slipped from memory.

Undaunted, however, the buyer contacted the local chamber of commerce which, after a bit of intensive sleuthing, came up with the right man.

As a result, one obligation of \$25 is paid off, to the extent of about \$38 with compound interest. And a man who had confidence in another feels justified that he had dealt with an honest man.

LOW RENT HOUSING PLAN

To North Bend, now comes an offer for a low-rent housing project.

The COOS BAY HARBOR reports some agitation in this direction.

The Northwest administrator for the Public Housing Administration says, "the need for low rent housing in the city is apparent. . . . There is a shortage of labor because of lack of housing. And . . . men and their families are living under conditions which they cannot continue when the winter weather comes."

BASEBALL LIGHT PROJECT

In Lakeview, there will be night baseball within the foreseeable future, if certain plans work out.

The LAKE COUNTY EXAMINER relates the taking of a poll to test reactions of businessmen and residents as to contributions for field lights at the high school baseball diamond.

A list of prospective donors was made up and every sixth man or woman on the list was due for an examination of opinion. Following this, pending a favorable response, solicitation will get under way.

Once installed the lights will become property of the school district upon whose property the ball field is located.

RING OUT OLD BELL

St. Helens will hearken again to the sound of an ancient bell.

Through the SENTINEL-MIST, the historic bell which once served the dual purpose of fire alarm and summons to church, has approached some degree of public appreciation and a definite place in the scheme of local things has been assured it.

On the day the Secretary of State dedicates a new branch office in the city, the first fire chief of St. Helens will unveil the bell and focus attention and honor upon it.

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