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We're Prejudiced

Last week we heard Harold Stassen, former governor from Minnesota, speak to the Oregon publishers association at a meeting in Eugene. We're prejudiced, we'll admit, for we've been pro-Stassen for a long time, and so there was but little selling that had to be done to move our sympathies into the Stassen camp.

There are, however, a lot of people in Oregon who weren't prejudiced in favor of Stassen before the speech, and they came away from the meeting still not sold. The old Republican guard, and Oregon publishers as a class fall into that group, found Stassen about 10 years too fast for them.

As one impartial observer put it after the speech, Stassen is 10 years ahead of his time for the old guard. He's too young, he's too liberal, and he's too far from the Republican party line.

We think, Mr. Stassen is the only Republican who can beat President Truman. The Republicans should recognize this if they hope to have a hope in the coming election.

Vandenberg, who has been keeping his mouth shut, his ear to the ground, and who has been playing diplomat may be a dark horse for the Republicans, should the Senator decide to run, he'll probably get the nomination in order to break the Taft-Dewey-Stassen deadlock.

It looks like its going to be a warm spring. The more of these politicians who use Oregon as a spring board, the more fun those of us who are lucky enough to live in Oregon will have.

Taft may make a return to the state and Dewey will undoubtedly include Oregon in his western swing. The President probably will not make any Western tours until along toward the fall, after the battle lines have been drawn and he knows just who will be his opponent.

No matter what happens, we're prejudiced. We're prejudiced in favor of Harold Stassen on the Republican side, and we're prejudiced in favor of Harry Truman on the Democratic side.

We hope that these two meet. That will really be a campaign.

Spend Money

"My," said a lady we know, "Can you imagine that, a Republican who wants to spend money." She was speaking of Governor John Hall, who had just made a speech before the Ashland Chamber of Commerce. The governor had proposed that the present surplus money in the general fund be used for the purpose of expanding Oregon's inadequate higher education system.

He had pointed out that in the past 15 years the state of Oregon had spent only \$100,000 on its institutions of higher learning, and that today some \$12,000,000 was needed, and needed badly, in order to bring those institutions up to what might be considered adequate.

The governor pointed out to the group that there will be \$31,000,000 surplus money in the general fund this year. This money is supposedly untouchable, yet if it can't be used the state will have to increase taxes on real property, or increase income tax in order to get the Oregon system of higher education on any kind of sound footing which would take care of the 17,416 students who are presently attending schools built to take care of 10,000.

Rather than begin taxing the governor suggested the people initiate a measure to put those idle funds in the general fund to work. We think the governor's idea has merit. Money gathering dust is not doing anyone any good.

The best way to put that money to work is to invest it in schools. We're solidly behind the governor's proposal, bring around the petitions we'd be happy to be one of the 18,969 individuals whose signatures are required in order to get the initiative on the November ballot which will release the money.

But it sure is kind of funny to find a Republican who wants to spend money.

Planning

By the time this is being read the \$400,000 water proposition which was laid before the voters this week will be water over the dam. The next thing which the community will have to take up is the airport. This entire Northwest is growing. Airports are a vital part of that growth. We don't believe in government subsidy of private enterprise, but if the city can arrange to loan the airport operators enough money to keep the airport going we believe it will be a worthwhile enterprise.

Community planning is important, today airports should be included in the planning.

A RUSSIAN FAIRY TALE

(As told to Ivan and Sonia by Uncle Joe Stalin)

Once upon a time there was a powerful economic system called capitalism. This system was controlled by a number of ogres—capitalists—who were dedicated to the monetary, or dollar, enslavement of the world.

Now these dollar-hungry ogres ruthlessly exploited their workers and paid them more than was possible under any other economic system . . . thus insuring profits for themselves and more goods and services for the people.

This deplorable state of affairs continued until a great new way of life was founded—Communism. Under Communism, the workers were freed of their capitalistic chains and put to work for the State's good, rather than for their own good.

But enough of fairy tales! Last week Izvestia, Moscow's news organ, brought the story up to date with the following real-life version of the position of Communism today, vis-a-vis Capitalism. Izvestia said:

"The socialist economy of the Soviet Union has gained the upper hand in peaceful competition with the powers of the capitalistic system.

THE AMERICAN WAY



Not a single capitalist country in Europe can boast of positive results in postwar reconstruction, while the United States, principal breeding ground of capitalism and free enterprise, has made no economic progress since the war's end and even now is in the grip of unwarranted inflation. In contrast, the newspaper solemnly affirmed, Russia and Eastern Europe have controlled inflation (1 ruble for 10 was one method used), and now all is rosy.

Izvestia, it seems, can tell a tall tale equal to Uncle Joe's If Ivan and Sonia are good children, maybe they'll be able to laugh themselves to sleep by either the listening or reading method in the long winter ahead.—COALINGA (CALIF.) RECORD.

'Use Caution In Ventures to Alaska'--Karnes

(Courtesy of Siskiyou)

There are openings for many good jobs in Alaska, but one should use a degree of discretion before going up there," explained Dr. Anthony Karnes, Veterans Administrator, in an interview February 11.

With the great influx of population into Alaska since the opening of the Alaskan highway, the country has grown to a point where it is fostering three great industries: lumbering, mining, and fishing.

"Big money has been the incentive of the northward movement," commented Dr. Karnes, "but people don't stop to think that they need backing capital and a place to live."

Living space is at a premium within the working areas during the time that the industries are in season. Many of the people who are without living facilities have had to depend on the Red

Cross and Veterans Administration until they could be returned to this country.

Causing much of the growth of the industries has been the married man, and in a good many cases the ex-GI with his family.

Schools have grown at a tremendous rate in the cities, and many new ones have been established throughout rural districts. This increase has caused a teacher shortage, but has given the educator a raise in salary. The pay range for teachers in Alaska's seventy-six schools is from \$3000 to \$4800 as regulated by the Territorial Board of Education with permission for local boards to pay an excess of the amount scheduled.

HAMILTON IS CHAIRMAN

Moore Hamilton, Medford, is Jackson county chairman for the Jefferson-Jackson Centennial ceremony which will be held in Portland, April 7. Senator J. Howard McGrath, Rhode Island, who is Democratic National chairman will address the \$100 per plate banquet which will be held at the Multnomah hotel. Some of the leading Democrats from Ashland have indicated that they would like to attend.

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(Courtesy of Siskiyou)
March 11, 12, and 13, Southern Oregon College will present the sensational New York and London success "Night Must Fall!" Written by Ewlyn Williams, author of "The Corn is Green," "Night Must Fall" was selected by the dramatic enthusiasts of Southern Oregon College as "the presentation of the year."

Directed by Leon Mulling the cast includes John Moore, a veteran trooper, who plays the part of Danny. Moore has appeared in other performances such as "Joan of Lorraine," "The Corn is Green," and "Heaven Can Wait." He also played the lead in the Army production of "By Jupiter," in which he received personal instruction from the famous stage and screen star Ray Bolger.

Jerry McDougall, of Medford, as Belsize the detective, is a well known student and actor at SOC as well as Trubee Wetterau who characterizes a repressed young woman named Olivia. Betty Hall, from Ashland, does an excellent job as the elderly hypochondriac, Mrs. Branson. The bore Hubert is acted by Roger Cram; the maid Dora portrayed by Eugenia Moore; a Cockney cook, Mrs. Terence, by Helen Payne; the nurse by Irma Liptak; and the Lord Chief Justice by Dave Hicks.

Tickets for this production are on sale at Prullitt's Music in Medford and The Mart in Ashland. Price: \$1.10 (including tax) for adults and \$.72 (including tax) for students.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Linder, Woodland, Washington, are the parents of another girl, their second. The baby daughter was born Friday, February 20. Mr. Linder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Linder.

Convention Delegate Returns to Ashland

Mrs. George Icenhower returned from Springfield, Missouri Monday where she attended the sixth National Sunday school convention of the Assemblies of God. The convention was held in the Shrine Mosque which seats 5000. She reported all camp grounds and hotels were filled to capacity with over 1500 out of state delegates.

A three mile Sunday school parade was staged during the conference in which over 1000 cars and floats took part.

One of the most interesting things she witnessed was the landing of two twin engined C-46 cargo planes recently purchased by the Missions department to transport missionaries and supplies to stations all over the world.

Springfield is the headquarters for the Publishing house and Central offices of the Assemblies of God who lent all their facilities to make the Conference a success.

Mrs. Larry B. Basey of Manzanita street received a number of beautiful gifts and good wishes from her many friends yesterday. The event being a birthday.



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