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Letter From Washington

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
Congressman, 4th District

Emotionalism appears to have so dominated the reporting and comment on the McCarthy statements that the real issue—the real problem—is obscured. Perhaps Senator McCarthy is to blame for the confused and emotional comment. He was mistaken, I think, in alleging or implying criminal acts on the part of the people he has named. It is extremely doubtful if charges of traitor, spy, or even of being a communist can be proven against anyone mentioned.

But what Senator McCarthy has shown, and pretty well documented is that certain people who either are now, or have recently been, in high places in our State Department, have been closely identified with communist-minded people and groups. Such association is not a crime. Such association does, however, render those people undesirable employees of our State Department.

No one, I am sure, will deny now that communism is a threat to all free people. The world control of communism, the Russian government, is our enemy in what we call a cold war. We cannot, and should not, employ communist sympathizers in any department of our government—least of all the State Department. We should not employ people about whom there is a reasonable basis for suspicion. I think that is what Senator McCarthy is driving at, but he has trod on some important toes. The smoke screen of confusion was quickly developed. The Senator's errors were quickly magnified. He stands alone against all the power and the brains of the Executive Department of the Government.

The President has, in effect, designated the McCarthy statements as a whole school of heretics. (He called the Alger Hiss charges red herrings). He has declined to allow the committee to inspect the State Department loyalty records or the Civil Service Commission loyalty records. Those files allegedly give the persons in question a clean bill of health. If so, what harm in seeing them? If so, why not open them up and clean up this whole mess?

There is something wrong some place. I hope Senator McCarthy will keep on until he is either discredited by clear-cut facts or forces the Administration to clear the names of many people McCarthy has listed by showing the committee the files. The pro-administration news writers and commentators have ignored the fact that the President's action leaves many people "smeared" whom the committee should publicly clear after inspection of the files.

Perhaps Senator McCarthy erred in listing any names, but the President makes the greater error by leaving them smeared instead of clearing them—if the files can clear them.

It should be noted that in the above discussion I do not refer to the data files of the FBI. I do not think those files should ever be made public. This was proven beyond question by their use in the Coplon trial here. The FBI must make a note of everything that is reported to them whether there is any truth to it or not. Being purely an investigating agency the FBI files are full of chaff—along with the good grain. To make public such material would, of course, be most damaging and unfair. The files of the State Department and the Civil Service Commission, upon which loyalty decisions are made, are entirely different. Those are the ones which the committee should see and which the President refuses to let it have.

Oregon Gas Tax Jumps 25 Percent

Oregon gasoline tax receipts for the first two months of 1950 were nearly 25 percent higher than a year ago despite a four-year low in sales for January, the motor fuels tax division of the secretary of state's office reported today.

Although total gallonage was up less than four percent, the sizeable gain in tax collections reflected the one cent per gallon increase which became effective last July 1. Gross receipts for the two months were \$2,359,963.36. February sales were 10 percent higher than a year ago.

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Clocks Go Ahead One Hour Here On April 30

Ashland residents will rub the sleep from their eyes one hour earlier along with thousands of other Oregonians on Sunday morning, April 30, it was decided by members of the city council Tuesday when they voted to go along with other sections of the state and turn clocks ahead one hour at 2:01 a.m. on that date.

The so-called day-light saving time will continue until 1:59 a.m. on September 24.

New Police Car

The council voted 5 to 1 in favor of buying a new car for police patrolling. The new car will be an eight-cylinder Ford four door sedan and will be furnished by the Busch Motor Company who was the successful bidder of \$335.00 plus the present car.

Councilman Phil Stansbury questioned purchase of the car at this time, and asked Chief of Police Vern Smith why the present car had not been repaired before it was allowed to be in its present run-down condition.

Chief Smith stated that the car now has 50,000 miles of service and a minimum estimate on repairs is listed at \$117.45. He continued that the motor is not in condition to render the speed that might be required from a police car and that faulty shock absorbers make the car unsafe to drive at speeds in excess of 45 miles per hour.

Funds for the purchase of the new car will come from the electrical equipment fund.

Water Question Pops Up

The question of supplying water for those residents and farmers who live at high levels was brought to the council's attention when it was pointed out that several of these people are forced to spend a considerable sum of money in pumping equipment in order to get water for both domestic and irrigation use.

City attorney Harry A. Skerry said that this problem has come up in the past and said that if the council should decide to aid any one group with either reduced rates or equipment for pumping it would probably be expected to do the same for others. He continued that he was not prepared to say if the city was legally obligated but that he believed the water committee should take the matter for investigation and should be consistent in any policy they adopted. Councilman Dick Neill moved that the matter be referred to the water committee and the city attorney and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ask Fish Stocking

Councilman Phil Stansbury moved that the city request the State Game Commission to stock Ashland creek in Lithia Park with fish in view of the measure passed last summer to allow children under the age of 13 and older than 65 to fish in the stream within the park boundaries. The move was approved. Should the commission cooperate there will be no cost to the city directly for the service.

Timber Sale On Ballot

The council adopted an ordinance to place on the May 19 Primary ballot a measure to amend the City of Ashland to permit sale of timber lands in Ashland canyon to the federal government. The sale has long been a topic of discussion and it is planned to settle the question once and for all by putting the proposal before the people for their decision.

Should the sale be allowed, monies received, some \$32,000, will be used for covering the Crowson Hill reservoir, replacing a pipeline from the reservoir to the filtering plant and the balance, if any, to be used in liquidation of existing water bonds.

REDFORDS RETURN

Dr. and Mrs. Walter E. Redford returned last weekend from a month's visit at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weller, in Houston, Texas. They also visited New Orleans, La., while in the South.



ELDER STATESMAN—Bernard Baruch, author of the Baruch plan for international atomic controls, has moved his famous "park bench" to his own front porch in Georgetown, S. C. Here the statesman relaxes after entertaining General Marshall.

Open House Slated In City Police Offices

With completion of remodeling work in the city police headquarters, Chief of Police Vern Smith has announced plans for open house to be held in the police offices all day Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9.

Walls in the offices have been finished in knotty pine and the old floors have been finished in rubber tile laid over plywood.

Nearly all of the work has been done by officers of the department during their time off duty and in many instances members of the force have dug into their own pockets for funds to purchase materials. Chief Smith said, making the cost to the city a minor expenditure for the entire job.

Chief Smith said that all are invited to drop into the office and inspect the work over this coming weekend.

Harris Ellsworth To Give Award

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, (Special) - A rotating award, to be presented to high schools for newspaper improvement, is being given by Harris Ellsworth, member of the U. S. House of Representatives from Oregon's 4th congressional district.

The award will be one of a series of plaques to be presented through the Oregon scholastic press next fall, according to Dr. Laurence R. Campbell, professor of journalism and executive secretary of OSP.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, SLATES LECTURE

A lecture, "Christian Science: The Way of Freedom," is scheduled at the First Church of Christ, Scientist at the Church Edifice on Pioneer Avenue, on Saturday evening, Apr. 8, at 8 o'clock.

Arthur Perrowes, of Chicago, Ill., will deliver the lecture to which an invitation has been extended the public.

DON MAYFIELD HERE

Don Mayfield is spending the Easter vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mayfield of Palm St. He was accompanied by a University of Portland classmate, "Hank" Cwalina of Rochester, N. Y.

League Of Oregon Cities Slate Meeting In Medford

City budgeting, local improvement planning and financing, proposed state legislation, and many other items of current interest to city officials and civic leaders of this area will be on the agenda of a regional League of Oregon Cities dinner meeting which has been scheduled for April 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Medford Hotel in Medford.

Mayor Flynn has issued invitations to the mayors, councilmen, and other city officials of the area, and delegations are expected from Ashland, Butte Falls, Cave Junction, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Rogue River, and Talent.

Special Services Scheduled

Council Accepts Lease Offer On Golf Course

The Ashland City Council Tuesday night adopted a resolution to authorize execution of a lease on the Ashland golf course to Merle M. Russell and Elbert C. Williams, greens keeper and pro of a Los Angeles golf club.

Under the terms of the lease the city of Ashland agrees to furnish pipe sufficient to carry water for irrigation of the course and other tools, now stored and previously used in caring for the greens and fairways. Cost of the pipe is estimated at between \$3500 and \$4000. The lessees will install the lines.

The lessees also agree to invest \$5000 within the next two years to put the course in shape and an additional \$500 in the next five years. Lessees will also agree to deposit immediately upon execution of the lease the sum of \$3500 in the First National Bank of Portland, the money to be used in the initial improvement of the course.

The lease calls for the lessees to pay regular rates for drinking water and for TID water used in irrigating the course. The city has been requested to supply granite for a driveway into the course.

The lease calls for the lessees to pay to the city of Ashland the sum of \$100 per year in rental for the first ten years with a ten-year renewal clause calling for \$600 per year for the next ten years, along with 10 percent of the net in excess of \$8000 and 20 percent of the net in excess of \$10,000.

Should the lease be accepted by the lessees, they agree to make the course open to anyone for play, either in memberships or nominal green fees.

The proposition was presented to the council by Ben Lombard, attorney for the California men, who said that it was necessary to get to work on the course immediately if it is to be put in shape for play this year.

Councilmen voted to hold the offer open for a period of two weeks.

Craft Classes Cancel Meeting

The Ashland Y.M.C.A. Adult group in Crafts will not meet this week on Thursday, April 6th. Regular afternoon and evening sessions of the group will resume after the Easter weekend. Next sessions of the Craft group will be held on Thursday afternoon and evening, April 13th. New members are invited to join the group at the start of the Spring series on April 13th.

According to an announcement by Mr. Ed Nelson, chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Square Dance group no sessions of the group will be held this week on Friday and Saturday, April 7th and 8th. The group will resume activities on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 14th and 15th following the Easter weekend. New members interested in Square Dancing are urged to come to the Saturday evening sessions of the group as the Friday evening sessions are now over-crowded.

Its "old home week" all up and down Main St. and around the Plaza for Mr. and Mrs. Clint Baughman who were honored by a special Elks celebration during the installation banquet on Wednesday night April 5th. The Baughmans are now living in Oakridge where they own a flourishing coffee and doughnut shop. Clint is remembered as Ashland's past Fire Chief.

Baughmans Are Honored On Visit

Mrs. Jacob Lahre, Child welfare chairman of local unit No. 14, American Legion Auxiliary, arranged a most interesting meeting for the evening of April 3rd in the Legion Hall. Each member present participated in the meeting reading selections which emphasized the physical, mental, spiritual and educational development of each child. "A square deal for each child and every child a whole child" is the aim of the Legion and Auxiliary. March is Child Welfare month.

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Mrs. Arthur Taylor and Mrs. Harold Jordan served as the refreshment committee, serving Easter cup cakes and coffee. Red Comellias and candles centered the table, with red napkins completing the color scheme.

The April 17th meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Stella Carthell with a special Pan-American program.

Ashland School District Budget Vote April 25

The proposed school budget for 1950-51 will be presented to Ashland district voters on April 25. The levy is approximately as for the current fiscal year. Provisions have been made for a sinking fund to help meet future needs as well as an item of \$67,000 to begin interest and repayments on the district bonded indebtedness. The committee composed of C. R. Ramsey, A. W. Thomas, Jean Eberhardt, Jim Busch and Eugene Bowman together with Paul Finnell, Mrs. Mern Provost, Marshall Woodcill, Edwin Dunn and Ben T. Lombard, the directors, said that a total of \$321,570 was to be raised by taxation.

Festival Group Plan To Honor Shakespeare

The Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association is making plans to honor William Shakespeare in Ashland in a big way Sunday, April 23rd. Arrangements have been made with Roy Sullivan, manager of the Varsity Theatre to show "Hamlet" in connection with the dedication ceremonies. Committee appointed by John Cotton, Pres., consists of: Mrs. Angus Bowmer, Mrs. Harry Skerry, Ms. I. R. Schuler, Mrs. Rose Robinett, and Mr. Marshall Woodcill. The plans were discussed at a special meeting of the board of directors at Mrs. I. R. Schuler's home in Medford, March 27th.

This special birthday party for William Shakespeare's honor is a pre-festival activity.

Class Play Chosen Parts Being Cast

As the final term gets underway, the seniors at Ashland high school are finding the whirl growing faster and dizzy. Studies are sharing with other activities such as Class Play, baccalaureate, concert and similar important events which all go toward the glorious days of graduation time.

The Florence Ryerson-Colin Clements play, "Ever Since Eve" has been chosen for presentation on the evening of May 5th. Mrs. Ruth Alcorn will direct and the class business managers have been announced as Frances Howard and Joanne Downing, the student director is Peggy Taylor and the senior advisor is Leland Johnson. The character parts are being assigned and the play will go into rehearsal at once.

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Special Commemoration Services Mark Holy Week and Easter

At the Easter season lines of division and credal differences melt away and all Christian churches observe and commemorate the Passion Week and Resurrection. Beginning with candle-light communion on the eve of Good Friday, in remembrance of "The Last Supper" and carrying on through the next three days to the climax of the Easter concert on Sunday evening, Ashland worshippers will be intent upon the reverent renewal of their belief in the death and resurrection of the living Christ.

On Good Friday the three hour death and crucifixion period from noon until three o'clock will be observed at Trinity Episcopal church. Other churches are also planning to spend the period in prayer and meditation.

Friday evening the union Holy Week services will be held

Local 4-H Club Boy Entered S.F. Show

Bernard Engel, Route 1, of Ashland is announced as one of the 4-H Club members from Jackson county entered in the scholarship competition of the 1950 Grand National Junior Livestock Exposition and Arena Show which is being held in the San Francisco - San Mateo Cow Palace April 1 to 6 inclusive.

More than 1,000 Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club boys and girls are showing their beef and dairy cattle, sheep and swine in the huge pavilion for the six days of judging, demonstrations and auction sales.

Over the week-end matinee and evening performances were highlighted by the bone-jarring thrills of western features, entertaining adults and children alike with the most spectacular show in the history of the Junior Livestock Association.

Auxiliary Holds Welfare Program

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April 18 Deadline
To Register For
May 19 Election

at 7:45 at the Congregational church. Speakers will include Rev. McIlvenna, Rev. Shuman, Rev. Downing and Rev. Brough, with special music and a solo by Lois Miller Windsor.

With the dawn of Easter, the sorrow of the Holy Week will give way to the joy of the Resurrection, in the sunrise services in Lithia Park. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a city-wide observance in ceremonies which will be held at the Butler Memorial Band Shell, with all the local churches taking part. During the morning service period, individual churches will hold their special Easter programs with music and pageantry peculiar to the day.

In the evening the 10th Annual Easter Concert of the Ashland United Choirs will be heard at the Methodist church at 8 o'clock. This has become one of the outstanding religious musical events in the city and never fails to attract capacity audiences. The Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be presented by a chorus of sixty voices, with solo parts sung by Zola Peters, Erna Berg, Marie Bjorlie, Evan Davis and Robert Rae. The accompanying organist is Mrs. Imogene McCoy, with Mrs. Annabel Davis also playing the organ and all under the direction of Oscar C. Bjorlie.

Red Cross Drive Chairman Thanks Ashland Workers

The 1950 fund drive of the American Red Cross officially ended on March 31st. However, for the benefit of those who were missed, or for whom it was more convenient to pay later, the Ashland Branch, First National Bank of Portland will accept contributions at any time. Or Mr. McCoy will call if requested to do so. The workers will not be asked to make any more contacts, excepting where persons indicated their intent to pay later.

At the close of business on April 5th., there had been collected \$3420.48; this being 92.4% of the quota of \$3700.00 allotted to the Ashland area. This is a remarkable showing when all local conditions are taken into consideration.

Up to April 1st., the county as a whole showed returns somewhat in excess of \$18,000.00 on a quota of \$25,000, or slightly in excess of 75%. Work is being continued in other areas of the county in the effort to raise the funds needed by the organization.

The excellent results from this drive are due to the generous and cooperative spirit of the people and to active assistance of the newspapers, radio, organizations and the workers, who did a very thorough job. I wish it were possible to thank personally each group and individual who participated in the drive. That being impracticable, the newspapers are requested to carry this message on my behalf.

Seniors Hold Annual Election

Last week the high school graduating class exercised their right of student franchise and came to some interesting conclusions. When the final count was tallied they had chosen not only the outstanding boy and girl but also their class colors, flower, motto and the baccalaureate speaker.

Outstanding Girl: Nancy Arney.

Outstanding Boy: Bob Simpson.

Class Motto: "Each triumph a stepping stone, not a stopping place."

Class Flower: Rose.

Class Colors: Lavendar and white.

Baccalaureate Speaker: Rev. A. H. MacDonnell of Trinity Episcopal Church.