

Letter From Washington...

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
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The first casualty of war is liberty. Representative Dewey Short of Missouri made that comment on the floor of the House a few days ago. The best evidence in support of that statement is the first section of the President's bill (H.R. 9176) for the purpose of establishing economic controls. Here is the section. Read it carefully and then read it again:

"Sec. 101.—The President is hereby authorized (1) to require that performance under contracts or orders (other than contracts of employment) which he deems necessary or appropriate to promote the national defense shall take priority over performance under any other contract or order, and, for the purpose of assuring such priority, to require acceptance and performance of such contracts or orders by any person he finds to be capable of their performance; and (2) to allocate materials and facilities in such manner, upon such conditions, and to such extent as he shall deem necessary or appropriate to promote the national defense."

That is the first section and deals only with contracts. The other 26 pages of the bill are just as tough. If this bill becomes law as written, and it seems certain that it will be passed in almost its original form, the President will thus have authority superior to nearly all Federal laws. Under it, for example, (in the name of national defense he will have the power to create a CVA by executive order!

The bill puts far more power in the hands of the President than he had in World War II. The proposal is not merely for the emergency of the war but is "to promote the national defense." Obviously that phrase can be broadened just as the commerce and general welfare clauses of the Constitution have been widely interpreted. Thus liberty becomes a casualty of this war.

This is the third effort this administration has made to get Congress to vote economic controls since they were removed by the 80th Congress. In fact, the President even called the 80th back into special session after it had adjourned, and requested the authority for controls. That request and his speech at the opening of the 81st Congress was mild by comparison with H.R. 9176. However, the so-called Spence Bill, which has been pending during this session but ignored thus far, was much stronger. Now this request, supported by the Korean war emergency, represents authority for complete and total control. By simply using the authority given him in this bill when it becomes law, Mr. Harry Truman can (if he chooses) become the complete and absolute dictator over the people of the United States—even if we don't fire another shot in Korea or any place else. He can do it as being necessary for national defense.

This is a gloomy letter. I have hesitated to set these facts out thus bluntly, but I am getting mighty tired of the "hush-hush" and propaganda policy which seems to dominate the "big shots" in our government today. They want the "sweetness and light" tone on things so as to keep up the morale of the people and the troops. I have always thought, and still think, that free and self-respecting people can stand the truth and adjust to it a lot better than they can adjust to the shock of having been deceived.

Windt Signed as Music Instructor

Appointment of W. Bernard Windt to teach elementary school music and strings for strings for school district No. 5 was announced Tuesday by Leonard P. Linn, superintendent of schools.

Introduction of the string program, starting at the sixth grade, will be part of a long-needed expansion of the school music program, Linn said.

Windt comes to Ashland from the Phoenix schools, where he held a similar position last year.

He holds a masters degree from Ithaca college, New York and has studied in the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y. He has played professionally with such groups as the Wilkes-Barre Symphony orchestra.

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Sawdust Control Again Made Issue At Council Meeting

Mayor Phil Stansbury and the Ashland City Council were bitterly denounced by Owen C. Gragg at the council meeting Tuesday night for what he termed their failure to enforce the ordinance to control sawdust discharged from mill burners.

Gragg, owner of Twin Plunges swimming pool, requested the floor on two occasions and was asked both times by the mayor not to speak on the sawdust problem. Stansbury said the council was doing all it could settle the problem and asked that they "be given a chance."

Gragg, who insisted on his right to speak, asked for verification by the council that installation of a new burner at the Taylor Bros. mill would actually start on August 7 as promised by the mill owners.

He later asked for a report from City Superintendent Elmer Biegel as to whether the Taylor mill was complying with the ordinance. Stansbury said that the council had gone into the matter and that the mill firm was going to great expense to correct the situation. He indicated that any further action should be taken through the courts.

Gragg said Wednesday that he had also attempted to present two letters from the state board of health describing sanitary conditions in the pool. A letter from Harold E. Milliken, chief public health engineer, said that the pool should not be used for swimming under present conditions. The second letter from T. M. Gerow, assistant sanitary engineer, explained he would be unable to attend the meeting and asked that copies of Milliken's letter be filed with the council.

The Twin Plunges pools were closed by Gragg July 22 because of contamination by mill burner waste. Last week he signed a complaint against the Taylor Bros. mill for non-compliance with the ordinance, which requires a specified type of burner to be installed. A jury panel is being prepared for the case, which will be heard in the court of Municipal Judge Harold R. Jordan soon.

Ice Show Opening Set This Evening

Leading stars of the skating world will be seen in action Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights when the ice show "Ice-landia" is presented at the Medford high school stadium. All shows will open at 8 p.m. under sponsorship of the Medford 20-30 club.

"Ice-landia" is described by members as a stage show on ice combining the art of the ballet and the showmanship of musical comedy. Over 30 professional skaters will perform on the 30 by 45-foot portable rink which has been erected in the center of the field.

Compressors, brine coolers and pipe to freeze the rink, as well as complete stage settings, are carried by the company on their tour.

Stars of the traveling show are all experienced skaters and stars of other troupes. Included are Buff McCusker who co-starred with Sonia Henie in the film "Wintertime;" Dot McCusker, comedienne and co-producer of the show, who starred in "Ice Capades" and "Ice Follies;" Joanne McCusker, a veteran of several shows including "Ice Follies;" and Jim McCusker, youngest member of the skating family, who specializes in figure skating on 15-inch blades. Also featured are Marie Pruvance, ballet and skating star, and Skee Goodhart, America's leading comedy ice skater.

Both reserved seat and general admission tickets are available in Ashland at the News Review and in Medford at the Jackson hotel. Proceeds will go to the National Rheumatic Fever foundation for research scholarships.

Planned for Afternoons Planned for Afternoons

Bowling on the green with woods direct from Shakespeare's birth place, Stratford-on-Avon, will be an important part of this year's three week Shakespearean festival program, according to John Cotton, festival association president.

Exhibitions by Harry Rees of Ashland, who is Pacific Northwest bowling champion, will be given at 2:30 p.m. each afternoon in lower Lithia park near the theater.

The public is invited to attend the exhibitions and possibly try their hand at the time-honored English sport which is experiencing a revival in America today, Cotton said.

Increased Budget Set for College

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education has announced the authorization of an increase of 17% in the yearly budget of Southern Oregon college according to Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president. An additional \$25,000 has been allotted for land purchase by the college, Dr. Stevenson said.

Enrollment this fall is expected to duplicate if not exceed this year's all time high, he said, and the expanded budget has been made necessary by increased enrollments and added college facilities and equipment necessary to handle additional students.

Faulty Wiring Said Cause Of Mayfield Plant Fire

Faulty wiring was determined to be the cause of the fire July 20 that caused extensive damage to the Mayfield Garden Red-E-Serv processing plant in the IOOF building, according to Fire Chief Harry McNair.

McNair, who with members of the state arson squad, examined the fire scene, said that faulty wiring on the main floor started the fire and that a rope used to hold the cellar door open caught fire and dropped to the basement, causing a second blaze.

Gold Rush Days To be Relived in Two-day Jubilee

Jacksonville, Ore., Aug. 2 — The third annual Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee sponsored by the Jacksonville Lions club will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6. The two-day event will include a round of entertainment open to the public when gold rush days in Jacksonville will be relived.

August 5 will be Southern Oregon day when dedication of the Jacksonville museum will be held. The museum, open to the public without charge, contains one of the largest collections of memorabilia pertinent to the settling of the west.

Saturday's festivities include a children's parade at 10 a.m. with entries significant to the gold rush era, to be followed by a parade of persons in authentic old-time attire. Crowning of the jubilee queen and introduction of her court will be made that morning. Other Saturday events will be a log bucking contest; gold rush for children with "finders keepers;" a gold panning contest; tour of miners' village; drill team exhibitions and street entertainment. Both old time and modern dancing will be featured.

Main event Saturday evening will be the Jacksonville Historical pageant depicting the settling of this vicinity and discovery of gold on Daisy creek in Rich gulch in 1851, which for a time made Jacksonville and vicinity the most populated part of Oregon.

Sunday's events will be opened with church services at 10 a.m. and a talk by Gus Newbury, Medford pioneer speaker, at 11 a.m. The grand parade will be at 1 p.m. Sunday and the big gold rush will take place at 2 p.m. Vials of real gold will be buried to be recovered and kept by those who enter.

Other special events will be only parts of the festivities during the two-day celebration.

Among the summer visitors in Ashland is Dr. Charles Sweeney, formerly of Medford, but now living during most of the year at Carmel, Calif.



HAL BURDICK SR., San Francisco, CBS "Night Editor," who was principal speaker at the Shakespearean civic banquet last night. He is scheduled to crown the queen of the Gold Rush jubilee in Jacksonville Saturday and will be narrator of the historical pageant that night. He is visiting here with his son, Hal Burdick Jr., who is appearing in all four Shakespearean productions.

100 Guests Open Festival Season At Civic Banquet

Over 100 guests attended the civic banquet at the Elks club last evening, which marked the opening of the 1950 Shakespearean Festival season.

Hal Burdick Sr., guest speaker from San Francisco, congratulated the people of Ashland for the community spirit that made the festival possible. Not only is the value to be found in the actual fact that the festival is a tourist attraction, but also in the many advantages to those living in a community where such a spirit is in evidence, he said.

He added that he had seen cities try and fail in something considered "highbrow" and he could advise them that a trip to Ashland would give them an example of something which proved not to be "highbrow," but of real value to the community.

Burdick spoke in such glowing terms of Ashland that it was suggested he be made a member of the realty board and the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

Rodney Keating of Ashland was master of ceremonies for the affair at which local and visiting dignitaries were introduced.

The festival association was officially represented by Mrs. Mary Worth, Queen Elizabeth for the 1950 season.

Mayors from neighboring towns who were guests of Ashland Mayor Phil Stansbury were Diamond Flynn, Medford; Elwood Hussey, Cave Junction; A. M. Setness, Central Point; Harold Strauss, Talent; Albert Heckert, Jacksonville; and Fred Brueger, Eagle Point.

Other out of town guests were County Commissioners Robert Lytle and Shy Morthland, Oregon Supreme Court Judge James T. Brand, and Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster Pollard of the Oregon Historical society.

Press representatives included Herb Larson of the Oregonian, Arnold Marx of the Oregon Journal and Bill Force of the Medford Mail-Tribune.

Local guests who were introduced included city council members Emil Kroeger, Fred Holmes and Dr. Walter Weller; Harry Skerry, city attorney and festival association board member; and Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college.

Dr. Curt Zimansky of Iowa State university, who is academic consultant for this year's productions, represented the directional staff. Angus Bowmer, producing director and originator of the festival, could not be present as he was being made present for the role of Falstaff in the opening night production of "King Henry IV, Part One."

First Performance Of King Henry IV Delights Audience

BY LENORE GLEN OFFORD

The first-night audience at the Ashland Shakespeare Festival was probably made up in large part of people very like this reviewer: not Shakespearean scholars nor experienced critics of acting; but people who came to enjoy a good play. They saw an excellent show, and they did enjoy it.

Child's Behavior is Set by Parent's Actions Club Told

Patterns set in the home by parents largely influence the actions and thereby the happiness or unhappiness of children, Dr. J. Carl Conner told Kiwanis members at their luncheon meeting at the Elks club Monday.

Dr. Conner, a resident of Yreka, California and a member of the summer staff at Southern Oregon college, spoke from personal experiences gained in 37 years as an educator in elementary and secondary schools.

We are not only born into a pattern, but are raised by, live and think by a pattern. The emotions of children largely reflect the emotions of the parents and the pattern set by them so it is really not a question of why do youngsters conduct themselves as they do, but why do adults set such a pattern for children to follow, he said.

Three points are the keys in the proper development of children, Dr. Conner said. Parental affection and attention, harmony in the home, a church or Sunday school participation will set a pattern by which children can live to become better adjusted adults.

Dr. Conner pointed out a case from his own experience in which 150 students in a high school, representing about 10 percent of the enrollment, were properly classified as "problems." An equal number of students in the same school were members of the honor society.

In the problem group only one had a church affiliation, 150 were from broken homes and none of them received attention or affection from their parents. Of the 150 honor students, all had church affiliations, only four were from broken homes and all regularly received parental affection.

STORK WINS RACE WITH HUSTLING KIWANIS SECRETARY

Who had Katy? Kiwanis club members weren't quite sure at their meeting Monday noon.

Katy is the rabbit acquired by the club in June to inspire a membership drive. Rules of the contest provided that the member responsible for the care of Katy, an expectant mother, could give her to another Kiwanian only after bringing a new member into the club.

Bert Miller kept her four weeks and the membership drive got nowhere.

Then last week things began to happen. Bert signed up a new member, John Yaple, and turned Katy over to George Sennett. George brought in a new member, A. J. Powell, the same day and then left the rabbit at the home of John Schulz.

John, it seems, boarded Katy at the Abe Neslin home and hurried out to find a new member. He got one too, so the rabbit was Abe's.

It was quite a surprise to John Monday to learn that Katy became a mother at six a.m. July 27 and the membership drive was over—six hours before his new membership application went in.

Who had Katy? John Schulz according to the contest rules. He paid 50 cents for each of the nine little ones, but now Abe wants to collect a board bill too.

Dr. Blanche and Carlton Rice returned this week from their vacation which was spent on the coast.

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MEMBERSHIP



QUEEN ELIZABETH of the 1950 Shakespearean Festival season is Mrs. Frances Worth of Ashland. Chosen for her outstanding contributions to the festival, Mrs. Worth was selected by the association as the official hostess this season. Last night she presided over the civic banquet and the opening performance of "Henry IV, Part One." In addition to her Shakespearean activities she is immediate past president of the Ashland Soroptimists, past worthy matron of the Eastern Star, member of the Fortnightly Study club and lecturer of the Bellview Grange. This is the first season that a civic leader has been chosen for the Queen Elizabeth role.

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