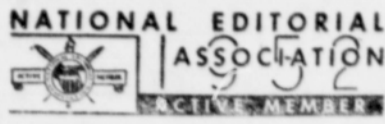


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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

We're Still Laughing

It is seldom that we are pleased by anything which Harry Truman does, and even less often that we are amused by his actions or statements. His threat last week, however, to the effect that he would call Congress back and hold it in Washington until it "put back" the money shaved off the military appropriations bill if, indeed, it didn't put it back before adjourning, sent us into howls of raucous laughter.

We must admit, though, that we're laughing not so much WITH Harry as AT the uncomfortable congressmen who are chafing at the bit, hot to put the country's business aside and get back home and get re-elected. It always shakes our faith, to some small degree, to witness our elected representatives making a choice between selves and country. And it always makes us mad to have a politician whom we are paying to stay in Washington and mind our national business out campaigning for himself on our time. It makes us froth at the mouth if he makes speeches which we don't agree with.

AND STILL on the subject of Truman and laughter, we imagine that there are a number of people in South Dakota and Nebraska who don't like the man or his actions, but who were not overly amused by Congressman Reece's asking him why he didn't seize the Missouri River.

Help for the Uncommon Student

An interesting and unique program in public education was announced in Portland last week, when it was learned that the Ford Foundation had appropriated \$78,000 for a project to develop the talents of exceptional Portland students. The experiment is one more in a series of invaluable programs initiated by the world's largest philanthropic organization in its first two years of operation.

The Ford Foundation was set up with some \$500 million bequeathed by Henry Ford and his son Edsel, and has announced the rather high-flown purpose of reducing international tensions and increasing "maturity of judgment and stability of purpose in the U.S. and abroad." But despite the nebulous idealism of its declared objectives, the Foundation, under Robert Hutchins and Paul Hoffman, has already sponsored such worthwhile programs as the establishment of technical and agricultural schools in the Middle East and a financial assistance plan for the American Friends Service Committee, now carrying out an extensive campaign of relief and rehabilitation in Israel, Italy, and Japan. Despite what the "stern realists" among us say, projects such as these are just as important in our battle with the communist menace as the atom bomb.

The thoughtful onlooker will find something profoundly ironic, however, in the fact that the Foundation was established with money from the estate of Henry Ford. The organization sponsors, for the most part, not projects that deal with surface or immediate problems directly, but rather projects that deal with abstractions and depend more often on study and scholarship than on direct action. And it was Henry Ford, remember, who was "bored by books," and who declared, on one occasion, that "history is bunk." This strange genius, perhaps the greatest technician this country has ever produced, represented and supported the sort of philosophic shallowness that plagues us today in every phase of human endeavor. He was, for all his mechanical genius, inordinately naive in the field of international relations — and human relations. Thus it is that the organization which bears his name is most concerned with matters which its founder seemed not to understand at all.

There is, then, poetic justice in the fact that so much of the accumulated wealth of this great, narrow man should go to projects such as the education program in Portland. The civilization which Henry Ford helped mold is a civilization of the average man — and a civilization which naturally, but much too often, puts the stamp of importance on the average and neglects the above-average completely. Perhaps nowhere — not even in government these past several years — has this practice been more evident, or more dangerous, than in our public school. For reasons too complex to examine here now, but which will be explored in subsequent editorials, the plight of the exceptionally bright student is almost as desperate today as was the plight of the retarded student some years ago. Too often the exceptional student, surrounded by the mediocre, is actually shamed into underplaying his talents or is neglected and left to his own devices, rather than guided toward the full fruition of his intellectual potential.

It is a difficult problem at best. Certainly none of

Our Town

ONE OF OUR FAVORITE subjects, particularly in our more philosophic — and romantic — moments, is the good old days and how much we've lost through what we are almost universally inclined to view as "progress" in this modern world. We must salute television, for instance, as progress, but at the same time we realize that it is helping us rush headlong toward the day when we forget how to read and think and hence to concentrate. It is a great factor, along with comic books and picture magazines and visual "education" devices, in the progression toward Fred Allen's millennium when people will have "eyes as big as cantaloupes and no brains at all."

One dark and dreary day this past winter we were led into the subject as we sat before a roaring fire and ate fresh strawberry shortcake.

"Remember what a joyous occasion it was," we remarked, "back in the primitive days before the advance of modern refrigeration, when we had the first fresh strawberries of the season? Now we have them from the deep-freeze any time we want them and half the pleasure is gone."

The cook at our house, who is also the wife, is not nearly the philosopher we are, but is much too chrewd to be baited into an argument she has no chance of winning.

She simply arose and took our portion and gave it to the dog, who is too young to remember when there were no deep-freezers, and therefore enjoys strawberries any time.

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME that the public library in Our Town featured the works of Albert Peyson Terhune?

LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE seems to us a good motto most of the time, and perhaps we should heed it in this instance, but we cannot resist the temptation of making one final comment on SOC's faculty follies which, happily, entertained us for only three days last week.

It has always been our contention that college professors were, for the most part, frustrated actors anyway. It seems to us that many an aspiring young actor should realize this and turn from his life of privations and uncertainties and don the academic robes. The pay of teachers, on the average, is much better, and the work is steadier and less strenuous. And even if one should work at an institution less progressive than ours, one which has no faculty frolics of any kind, he would still find that for nine months out of the year he has a captive audience before whom he can give his all and who is never inclined — rather is never foolish enough — to walk out on him.

But back to the subject which we wandered so far away from, the follies. While most of the show was strictly of the clothespin variety, there were some delightful moments in it. We always were of the belief — and this show convinced us — that when Arthur Taylor threw aside his players' manual and picked up a history book the theatre suffered a great loss. And close behind Doc were two personalities who, while they have neither his looks nor his stage presence, certainly rank high in our book. One is Frances Barta, a newcomer at the College who probably went into this thing sight-unseen and never knew what hit her, and the other is Beverley Bennett, who has been a great favorite of ours since the show last year. Miss Barta's work on the drum in the orchestra was surpassed only by her solo at the end of the show, and Miss Bennett's dance, also near the close, woke us up but is beyond our feeble talents to describe, much less comment on. Leave us just say that we have paid several bucks in cover charges to see much less.

us want the average—the great majority on whom so much depends in a democracy like ours—neglected; but neither do we want the potential leaders among our younger citizens frustrated. Lincoln once said, "God must have loved the common people, He made so many of them," or something to that effect. True enough, but one who knows his Bible will also remember that whenever the children of God needed leadership, He always sent an exceptional man — a Moses, say — to lead them.

No one expects the Ford Foundation or any other organization to create such a man as Moses. But certainly the Foundation, through such work as the program in Portland, has struck a blow for the modern Moses, should one be discovered in the bullrushes of this mechanized paradise of the common man which Henry Ford helped to build.

Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

TWO DEMOCRATS LOOM

Oregon long has been a republican state and habitually.

At most elections of this century the democratic party has had a bad time finding willing candidates popular enough to win against a heavy republican majority. Most of the wins the democrats made were when there were splits in the GOP primaries.

That pattern may follow this year.

Two well-known democrats are gleefully watching hot three-way fights among republicans for two top-ticket primary nominations.

Three good republicans, Jack Lynch and Siffrid Unander of Portland and Fred E. Robinson of Medford are conducting active and expensive campaigns for the nomination for state treasurer. Each is bound to build up an adamant following that will resent the nomination of anyone but their favorite. All the "united party" announcements and speeches the losers can make will do little psychic adjusting.

The democratic opponents of one of these men will be Francis Lambert, Portland, Multnomah county treasurer for 12 years, who has held many positions of high honor. He is the current state president of the Oregon Historical Society. Here could be our next state treasurer.

A similar situation maintains in the race for Attorney General where John B. McCourt and Alexander G. Barry, both of Portland; E. O. Stadter, Bend and Leonard Linds, Oregon City are conducting sharp scraps for the republican nomination for attorney general. The democratic candidate doubtless will be Robert Y. Thornton, Tillamook, with a war record that made him a lieutenant colonel. For several years he was assistant solicitor in the Department of the Interior and now is a member of the legislature. He is a whirlwind campaigner.

While the republicans are whooping "We like Ike" the democrats may elect two top state officials.

Gloria YCtyb ETAOIN SHRDH CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

The wife of a state institution employee asked the state finance department to buy her a deep freeze at wholesale price after Director Harry Dorman refused to buy it for her with state funds.

"If state employees, provided with furnished homes by the state, want deep freezers and other luxurious home equipment, they will have to purchase them in open market at retail prices," Dorman said.

He added that most requests for such deals come from officials who are best able to pay.

BIG STATE FAIR DESIGNED

Three major decisions were made this week by the Oregon State Fair Commission that will assure Oregon its greatest state fair. D. E. B. Stewart, Roseburg, was re-elected as chairman of the commission; Leo Spitzbart was selected as fair manager (it will be his 23rd year); and the Saturday before Labor Day was selected as the opening day of the eight-day show. The commission voted to ask the state emergency board for funds to cover costs of improving the fairgrounds stadium, estimated at \$30,000 to \$35,000. The state fire marshal has said that the large building is unsafe for crowds.

PREVENTIVE MEDICAL SERVICES

With the fishing season wide open and the summer picnic blooming out it is again time to warn those who plan to vacation in Eastern Oregon to visit their physicians for vaccination against Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Although two of the new antibiotics are extremely effective against R.M. spotted fever, the State Board of Health advises that it's a lot better to take a moment to make sure you don't get the disease at all. The board also points out that home gardeners should read insecticide

labels carefully before using. Two of them — parathion and tetraethyl pyrophosphate — are highly dangerous if improperly used. Full protective clothing, including face mask, should be worn.

WOULD BLOCK PELTON DAM

The State of Oregon this week filed with the U. S. Court of Appeals to try to stop the Portland General Electric Company from building Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River.

Control of the stream is given the state by the Desert Lands Act of Congress, according to the petition.

CAPITAL SHORTS

"It costs 2-bits to raise a 6-inch fish," says the state game commission. Oregon state income tax collections in the nine months ended April 1 were an all-time high of \$41,864,408; this total was \$12,500,000 more than the same period a year ago.

It will require two years to complete current construction operations at the State Penitentiary. \$1,938,487 has been budgeted for forestry protection during 1952 by the protective division of the state forestry dept.

Ike Backers Riled

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er, Layton Schell, P. R. Hardy and Arnold H. Bauder.

When asked why he favored Eisenhower as a candidate, Mr. Schell stated, "The Republican Party needs a candidate who can win next fall as well as this spring. I believe Ike is the one man who can do this."

P. R. Hardy, in discussing the desirability of a military man for president, brought the attention of the group to a piece in last Sunday's Oregonian which stated that out of 26 Presidents of the United States nine have been military men. During the terms of office of these nine military men not a single war was started, the article concluded.

Roland Parks scoffed at the notion that General Eisenhower was anything but a genuine Republican. Parks quoted from the recently issued Oregon Voters' Pamphlet, stating that had "Ike" wanted the Presidency under the terms of the Democratic party he would not have turned away the overtures from the Democratic party as he did. Parks said that in so doing Eisenhower passed up a "sure thing" in order to abide by his Republican principles.

The next meeting for the Committee for Eisenhower was set for noon on Tuesday, April 29, at the Elks Lounge. Mrs. Betty Weller, co-chairman of the group, urged all committee members to bring their wives.

Dirty digs have buried many a friendship.

Letter from Washington . . .

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress, 4th District

If present plans for the adjournment of this session of Congress are actually carried out we have only a little over two months to go. The Republican National Convention begins July 7. The Democrat Convention follows a couple of weeks later. It is anticipated Congress will either recess or adjourn about July 1. If the session ends with what is called a "sine die" adjournment, that will mean the complete wind-up of the 82nd Congress. After that if Congress convenes again in the year 1952 it will be in a special session, called by the President. It may be remembered that is exactly what happened in 1948. The 80th Congress adjourned sine die late in June but was called back to a special session by the President on July 26.

The Congress can by resolution, however, declare a recess to any date prior to January 3, 1953, and at that time formally adjourn after it reconvenes.

I am happy to report that a minor catastrophe, which very few people knew anything about, has been averted. Early this year I learned that the U.S. Coast Guard, which in November 1951 closed the Coast Guard station at Bandon, had plans to pick up the building and move it up to Willapa Bay. I protested against that plan on the basis that I considered the present inactive status of the station only temporary. This station will, I am sure, ultimately be reactivated. To move the present building away and then later build another one would be a waste of money. I pointed out that population and traffic is growing so rapidly on the Pacific Coast as to make the reactivation of the Bandon station almost a certainty.

I have just received a letter from Vice Admiral Merlin O'Neill, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, in which he states: "I wish to advise you that the Coast Guard does not intend to move the Coquille River structures to Willapa Bay at this time, but intends to retain the installation in a boarded up status without significant cost to the government. This determination has been made in order to fulfill potential mobilization requirements of the Coast Guard. Such a course will also permit reactivation of the unit for life-saving purposes should a compelling requirement for reactivation of the station be determined within the next few years."

A few years ago when President Truman was angry at the Railroad Brotherhoods he demanded that the railway employees be drafted into the army and forced to work. But there was a difference in his action then as compared to his recent order taking over the steel plants. At that time he made his demand to Congress for authority to do what he proposed. Meanwhile we seem to have drifted a long way down the road toward one-man govern-

ment. This time Truman did not ask Congress for legal authority — he just assumed it. The heads of organized labor who applaud the President's steel seizure order should be thankful that he was angry at the companies and not the unions this time — but watch out, who knows when he might change his mind? That is the way things work under our present "Liberal" government.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of AGNES BERTHA LEWIS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I have been appointed by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, as Administrator of the estate of Agnes Bertha Lewis, deceased, and have duly qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers and duly verified, to me at the office of Edward C. Kelly, No. 22 Goldy Building, Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

DATED at Medford, Oregon, this 14th day of April, 1952.
GEORGE LEWIS
Administrator

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No. 52-233-E
SUIT IN EQUITY FOR DIVORCE SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

BERTHA K. ENGELEN, Plaintiff

vs.
JOHN W. ENGELEN, Defendant
TO: John W. Engelen, the above named Defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON you are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons; and if you fail to so appear and answer said Complaint, for want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her Complaint, succinctly stated as follows, to-wit:

That the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the Plaintiff and Defendant be forever dissolved, set aside and held for naught, and that Plaintiff be divorced from Defendant absolutely.

That Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable in the premises.

The date of the Order for Publication of this Summons is the 17th day of April, 1952, and the time prescribed for publication of this Summons is once each week for four successive weeks.

Dated and first published this 24th day of April, 1952.
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