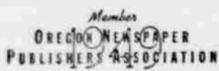


EDITORIAL



Democratic Press Dubious

It is interesting to get the slant of editors throughout the land following the inaugural ceremony and the President's message. That this column may not be accused of prejudice or bias, we beg the privilege of submitting excerpts from a few of the Democratic editors who have "spoken their pieces" since January 20.

The Ft. Lauderdale (Florida) Daily News (Ind. Dem.) warns: "If President Truman's 'State of the Union' message to Congress is indicative of what the next four years has in store for this country, then the United States will have progressed farther along the socialistic path than the original New Dealers ever dreamed of doing."

St. George (S. Carolina) Dorchester Eagle-Record (Dem.) says: The country as a whole accepts the fact that much of the New Deal legislation passed during the depression of the '30's was beneficial. No doubt it helped recovery to a great extent; but there is no positive proof that it, instead of Hitler's war, was responsible for the prosperity of the '40's.

Donna (Texas) News (Dem.) says: The Taft-Hartley act makes murder, destruction of property and "gimmie-everything-for-nothing" programs illegal. The Wagner Law legalized murder, destruction, theft—if by union strikers—declares employers wrong all the time, that labor only has any

rights, and all of that, Truman promised to restore the Wagner act with its blood and arson. He got the votes. Harlem and other negro centers were promised the white folks in return for votes. And the Reds must have been promised red herring radio programs. We hate to think the farm vote was delivered in return for subsidies for raising crops to be destroyed.

And the Whitehouse (Ohio) Standard (non-partisan) says: A candidate may be elected on the basis of his promises, but he can not be rejected for not keeping them until the next election. It may be possible that Mr. Truman now finds himself in a position where, in order to save face, he will ask for legislation that he secretly hopes he will not get, and that is food for thought.

On the same sheet were editorials from several Republican papers, but none of them was more critical—indeed, they were not as caustic—than the comments by editors of the deep south. The labor press, naturally, is all for the proposed program. As a closing shot, here's a quotation from one Republican newspaper, the Somerset (Penn.) Daily American: President Truman has drunk too deeply at the Kremlin fountain. His message to Congress is an appeal to the ignorant and the infamous to support him in his assaults upon the intelligence and virtues of the American people.

30 YEARS AGO

Hepner Gazette Times, February 6, 1919

Another hotel company has been organized in Hepner for the purpose of erecting immediately a first class hotel of modern construction in this city. J. W. Beymer, Jeff Jones, J. F. Vaughn and W. G. McCarthy are announced as the incorporators. The Sloum property on the southwest corner of Main and Center streets has been purchased, and an option taken on the property of Arthur Smith now occupied by Wm. Haylor, and it is the announced intention of the new company to begin clearing the ground for the new structure just as soon as the present tenants can be cared for, which will be about the first of March. The new building will be three stories and have a frontage on Main street of 70 feet and extending a depth of 132 feet on Center street. (Editor's note: For some reason the building did not materialize perhaps due to the fact that the

incorporators may have come to the conclusion that one hotel would serve the community. The property acquired for the purpose is still vacant and now owned by a Pendleton capitalist.)

Frank Turner has ordered a 10-machine shearing plant which he expects to have here and ready for work when the season opens, about the 15th of March. He plans to run two plants this season.

The purchase of the Sloum property by the newly organized hotel company necessitates the removal to new quarters of the Morrow County Creamery.

Lexington items: Churches and Sunday schools reopened at Lexington last Sunday after about two months vacation enforced by the flu. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George N. Beck last Sunday morning. Prof. Bott-nott, principal of the Hepner school, visited the Lexington

school last Monday. W. K. Corson, manager of the Burgoyne store, made a business trip to Hardman last week. Oscar R. Otto, the music man of Hepner, was in Lexington last week looking after business interests.

It is announced on good authority that the Hepner Hotel company is pushing plans for the new hotel building per announcements as made last week. Stock in the new company is being rapidly subscribed, and as fast as possible arrangements are being completed to start construction work.

Rain, snow and frosty weather have held up construction work on several different buildings going up in Hepner this week.

Dempsey Boyer and wife were visiting for several days in Hepner this week from their home in Monument.

John Boyd was at Parker's Mill recently getting some repair work done on his wood saw. He was driving his mule team which, he



SESSION WARMS UP

For the past two weeks freezing storms loomed around the capitol. This week they moved and things warmed up, outside and inside the legislative halls. For the first time this calm and purposeful session drew its battle lines. This week a group of effervescent bills furnished the punch we have been waiting for.

From now on anything can happen.

The Columbia Valley Authority proposal is not new but it's potent. Other proposals would sanction a privately owned dam on the Deschutes river; reapportion the state's legislative set-up; give agricultural board power to appoint director of agriculture; create a commission on uniform state laws; eliminate liens against property of persons receiving old age assistance; appropriate \$1,818,740 to continue Oregon Vocational school at Klamath Falls; reallocate gas tax revenues, motor license fees, etc. to small counties, and create full-time liquor control director.

SPEAKER'S APPRAISAL

"Confronted with requests totaling \$175,000,000 and having a possible income of \$150,000,000, members of the state legislature have been brought face to face with an outstanding fiscal problem," says Representative Frank J. Van Dyke, speaker of the house. "The difference of \$25,000,000 should be appropriated, would necessitate a tax levy of 18 mills in addition to the load already being carried by real estate. The legislators take the attitude that the vote last November on the welfare measure is a

mandate to supply each pensioner at least \$50 a month. This, in effect, means an additional \$3,000,000 contribution to the welfare fund," said Van Dyke.

Those who deplore that Oregon's legislative sessions are steadily growing longer and more expensive are not completing the story. Population increase with extended state business, higher salaries and general expenses should be taken into consideration.

THUNDERBIRDS A-WING

The less populated counties of Oregon vision Portland as dictatorial in the legislature and domineering the state, if the Neuberger bill becomes a law. The bill would provide for legislative representation solely by population with reapportionment after every 10-year census. The measure has sparked one of the hottest battles of the session. Eastern Oregon counties and those adjacent to Multnomah county and some others would

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BLASPHEMY DELUXE

By Dr. Alfred P. Haake
(Editor's Note: Alfred P. Haake, Ph.D., Mayor of Park Ridge, Illinois, is a noted economist, business consultant, lecturer and author.)

Only those who deny a Supreme God could handle Jesus of Nazareth as he is handled in a recent issue of the communist paper, "The Worker," Illinois Edition, December 26, 1948. Underneath the laws of economics and other man-articulated sciences and arts, are the basic laws that govern all life as implemented by God himself. The Universe would long since have fallen apart and man have perished, had there not been eternal laws which held the one together and enabled the other to pursue his destiny.

Atheists have sneered at the Christ, but the worst of them has never prostituted Jesus as a bait to lure men down the primrose path to collectivism and communism. To use Jesus as a communist, to compare His sufferings with the machinations of modern communists, is the cheapest and most blasphemous form of sacrilege. But, that is exactly what "The Worker" does on its front page of December 26, 1948.

A quarter page mock advertisement calls for the apprehension of the criminal Jesus Christ. He is shown with a bitterly hopeless face, lined with suffering. Underneath a legend states that He is wanted for sedition, criminal anarchy, vagrancy and conspiring to overthrow the government.

The less informed reader may swallow the nasty cynicism. But anyone who really knows the story of Jesus knows that He was not seditious, was not considered a criminal anarchist even by His enemies, and that He made no efforts to overthrow the government. He recognized the rights and place of Caesar as He did those of God.

It is bad enough that communists should blaspheme the Redeemer, while at the same time seeking the support of church groups with their humanitarian-scented program of atheistic materialism.

But our real menace does not come from the openly-confessed communists. It comes rather from them who we know as respected leaders in various places, many of them invoking the aid of God in their collectivist activities, who lend front to the collectivist movement under the sanction of religion. It is not surprising that communist Earl Browder is quoted as boasting that the communist movement, more than any other, has succeeded in setting up a common front with religious groups and in bringing communist non-religious ideas to the religious masses.

It does take strength to stand by the teachings of Jesus. It takes fortitude and faith to support the basic doctrines of Christianity, and perhaps we should not be too surprised that some ministers, unable to stand up to their religious professions, lend willing ears to these men who would change social institutions to solve the problems of sinful man. It is easier to change laws on statute books than to reform sinful men.

That is what has been wrong with the church for hundreds of years. Someday a real crusader may arise within the church and persuade people to become Christians, and give the teachings of Jesus real opportunity to demonstrate the power behind and in them. Such a man would restore faith in God, and find solutions for our social problems by attacking their roots in man himself. Jesus has been crucified many times. God has often been blasphemed. But no derision of the Master or contempt for God has ever approached the depths of degradation to which both have been subjected by this effort to make Jesus a communist.

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Leaders of two unions think it's a feather-bed ... a 'make work' job that means less service to you.

● Leaders of unions representing railroad engineers and firemen seek to force railroads to add extra, needless men on diesel locomotives. This is sheer waste—a "make-work" program which would mean fewer improvements and higher costs—for YOU!

Railroads use modern diesel locomotives because they are one of the means of giving faster, better service to you. Two men compose the crew of a diesel. They occupy a clean, comfortable cab at the front. The engineer handles the throttle. The fireman sits and watches the track ahead. With no coal to shovel, he has practically nothing else to do.

No Benefit To You
Now the leaders of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers want to use the diesel locomotive as a means of forcing a feather-bedding scheme on the railroads. The extra men they propose to add to the diesel crews are not needed. There is no work for them.

The union leaders are fighting among themselves about which union should furnish these extra, needless men. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers have even threatened a strike. You may not be interested in this dispute of these two unions, but you would be vitally concerned if these groups succeed in putting through this feather-bedding scheme, because it would mean a slowing up of the improvement program of the railroads—of which the diesel is the outstanding symbol. This service is among the highest paid

railroad employees—real aristocrats of labor! Their pay is high by any standard. Granting of these demands, therefore, would mean that the railroads would be paying out millions in unearned wages to those in the very highest pay brackets.

We'd Like To Spend This Money On You
You know how much the diesel has meant to you in increased speed, comfort and convenience. The railroads have many more of them on order for even greater improvement in service to you. But needless drains of money, such as this present demand of the unions for needless men on diesels, reduce the ability of the railroads to spend money on better service for you.

Proud as the railroads are of the diesel, it is only a small part of their improvement program. Since the War, literally billions of dollars have been spent on improvement of

tracks and stations, on new passenger and freight cars, as well as on diesel locomotives, and on the many other less conspicuous details of railroading that contribute to improved service.

Feather-Bedding Means Less Service To You
But brazen feather-bedding schemes like the one now proposed would, if successful, divert large sums of money from our present improvement programs. Even worse, they make improvements like the diesel worthless, by making the cost of their operation prohibitive. These demands are against YOUR interests—as well as those of the railroads. They are schemes to "make work". Neither you nor the railroads should be forced to pay such a penalty for progress.

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