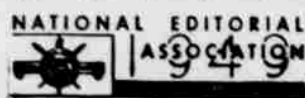
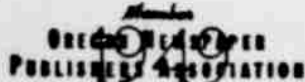


EDITORIAL



Peace On Earth

If it were possible to accomplish a thing of such magnitude by making a simple wish, we would implore the Almighty to banish all selfishness and greed, so purify the hearts of mankind that there would be lasting peace on earth. That is a mighty order and we know that the chances for realization are slim unless the peoples of the earth take more heed of the teachings of Him who came to set the pattern of "Peace on earth, good will towards all men."

There is another rule by which peace and happiness could become universal, a rule that most of us can understand, but unfortunately a rule that has been twisted to meet each individual's selfish requirements. That rule alone, if practiced zealously, would eventually eliminate much of the greed and selfishness, poverty and crime that spoil the real beauty of this world of ours. It, too, was a principle for right thinking and right doing laid down by the lowly Nazarene: "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you." Practiced daily, and not just merely during the Yuletide season, it will bring gladness to others and great joy to yourself.

After Ten Years

When, ten years ago this December, business and professional men and public officials banded together and formed the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, there were those among our citizens who gave the organization as much as three years of existence. There were some who limited the time to six months. These dire predictions, it is pertinent to remark, proved false, for today, after ten years of life the Chamber of Commerce is a healthy and active child—almost grown up.

Every town needs an organized group of its citizens to plan and carry out projects for the benefit of the community—to seek to broaden the trading area, develop better roads into the areas it serves, or would serve, and aid in whatever way possible the carrying out of the town's civic programs. The local group has not been over zealous in its programs, and in this has probably followed a wiser course than had it been more aggressive. The policy has been to do those things that will be of benefit to the community as a whole and not overdo at any time. Its programs may not have been as broad as its membership would have desired, yet the Chamber of Commerce has kept in touch with affairs concerning the welfare of the town and surrounding territory and has made its influence felt in numerous instances where the benefits were of direct as well as of indirect nature.

Two important projects taken up shortly after organization of the Chamber of Commerce were reestablishing the mail route to Lena from Heppner and completion of the Condon-Heppner highway and surfacing eight miles of the Heppner-Lena section of the Oregon-Washington highway. The C-C has kept in touch with the county court and the highway commission relative to other

road developments on a continuing program basis and will follow that course until some of the projects are completed.

The destiny of the Chamber of Commerce is in new hands and will continue along lines of service, perhaps to a greater degree than in the past, and we bespeak for President Henry Tetz and his official board a highly successful year.

Self-Government At Stake

One piece of deliberate misinformation that is constantly being reiterated by some public officials is that the government must go whole hog into the electric business, through valley authorities and similar schemes, in order to assure the people an adequate supply of "cheap" electric power.

The fallacy of that is shown by an offer which the utility industry made to the government in connection with the river development programs. In essence, the utilities offer to buy the power at the government dams at its maximum value, to distribute it to consumers over their own lines and to build any new lines which are needed—and, finally, pass all savings on to the public, under government regulation.

Of this, Edwin Vennard of the Middle West Service Company said, "What more is there to offer? When, in view of this offer, the government goes directly into the power business in competition with its citizens, the principles of our free enterprise system are violently broken down."

The point, of course, is that "cheap" power is only a bait. Our private utility industry is the model of the world. It is engaged now in a \$6,000,000,000 expansion program which will enlarge its plant by about 40 per cent. In 1948 it paid out \$713,000,000 in taxes. It doesn't get a penny's worth of government aid or tax subsidies. It sells its power, not at rates which it determines for itself, but at rates which are established by public service commissions whose duty it is to protect the public interest. Its margin of capacity over demand is steadily growing.

Why, then, is there a campaign to waste billions of tax money on tax-exempt valley "authorities" and other instruments of socialism? The answer is that these super-governments represent the perfect instruments for establishing monopolistic, centralized political control over the nation's economic resources—its land and its industries, no less than electricity. And once such control was established, individual liberties would be reduced, and local government would be restricted.

The Wisconsin State Journal recently said that the valley authority philosophy, "if carried to the extreme to which we are certain it would be carried, would set self-government back a half-century." The only thing wrong with that statement is that it is too moderate—for the valley authority philosophy, carried to its logical end, would mean the death of self-government. In its place we would have government by fiat and decree from Washington.

The American Way

"ACADEMIC FREEDOM"

By DR. ALFRED P. HAAKE
Most of us believe in "Academic Freedom," the right of educators to free and open research and the no less important right to speak their peace when they see fit or find it necessary. But, it certainly does not include the right to determine the foreign policy of our country, or to decide for millions of citizens what is best for them. When that happens, "freedom" becomes "phobia."

"Academic freedom" helped give us the atomic bomb, and it seems to be "academic phobia" that may have given it away to Russia; thereby taking away from the American people their principal guarantee for peace.

Let's name names. Professor Philip D. Morrison, physicist at Cornell University, one of our great schools, is alleged to have stated in a public meeting that he was glad Russia had the atomic bomb, for possession of the atomic bomb by Russia would prevent America from attacking Stalin's Russia. Put another way, it could mean Mr. Morrison believes, now that Russia has the bomb, we will be afraid to start war against Russia.

The record shows that the United States has been among the best behaved of nations in international relations. We don't start world wars. We wait until we are attacked, even though so waiting greatly increases the cost of the war and actually jeopardizes our chances of winning. We could have acted more wisely with respect to Japan by attacking her a few years ago, just as Japan had earlier attacked Russia without warning and destroyed the Russian navy before the country knew that there was a war. But, we don't fight that way, and Professor Morrison ought to have learned that fact along with his physics.

Another physicist who believed that Russia should have the atomic bomb was Dr. Alan Munn May, now in a British prison for having stolen atomic secrets and delivered them to the Russian government. Dr. May was sent by the British government to Canada to do atomic work there and also at the University of Chicago. He was apparently secretly a communist and stole some of the precious Uranium, which was flown by a member of the Soviet

embassy in Canada to Moscow. We should not tolerate that kind of disloyalty, in academic or any other high place, any more than we should stand for it in the smoke-filled rooms of underground conspirators. Both lead to the same result; both should be discouraged effectively and early. Professor Morrison could well receive the active and earnest attention of the F. B. I. in the judgment of this writer, it would be energy well expended in behalf of our country.

Cornell University authorities might well take steps against the possibility of undue encouragement for the friends of Russia who are enemies of the United States, using their own judgment as to what measures should be taken.

Professor Morrison has made no secret of his interest in and friendship for Russia. It is reported he is connected with a such as Progressive Citizens of Wallace-for-President Committee, National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, and National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the 12 Communist Leaders, who were forced to overthrow our government.

This writer has said frequently and publicly, that the real menace to America is not nearly so much the open and avowed communist, as are the apparently respectable people who, innocently or otherwise, espouse movements and supports measures which must ultimately lead this country into collectivism and destroy our freedom. The cloak of humanitarianism, culture, education and even religion is used freely by the communist and his sympathizers to lead the emotionally sympathetic American public down the by-ways of "sympathy for the down-trodden" toward measures that would destroy the "down-trodden" along with the rest of us.

The fifth column thrives in America, and its votaries, including those ignorant of the uses to which they are put, makes progress steadily. That is another reason why the protective cloak be ripped from the shoulders of professors and others who, by utterance or act or both, give comfort and assistance to our arch enemy—collectivism.

Born—Sunday, December 21, in this city, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young.
A new market road is being proposed by farmers residing in Gooseberry and Dry Fork districts that will shorten the haul to market from five to 15 miles.
The days for taking the 1920 census are at hand. The Bureau of the Census back in Washington has sent out an appeal to every citizen of the land to cooperate with the enumerators.
E. C. Heliker, lone farmer, has been a busy man the past two weeks. He and Ralph Marlatt have been going almost day and night for two weeks to feed a sand of L. V. Gentry's sheep in Eight Mile canyon this side of Olex when they were caught in the snow storm.

Traffic Safety Urged On Motorists During Christmas Holidays

The theme of "peace on earth, good will toward men" must be applied to driving and walking if we are to avoid traffic tragedy during the coming Christmas holidays. Secretary of State Earl T. Newby declared today.
He said disregard for the welfare of others is largely responsible for the 305 lives lost in Oregon traffic during the first 11 months of 1949, and that past records show December consistently is one of the most hazardous months of the entire year.
Newby said the major factors

in the holiday problem are heavier vehicle and pedestrian traffic, bad weather, and more widespread drinking.
"We can overcome these hazards by determining not to endanger ourselves or others by our actions in traffic," the secretary emphasized. "I know of no finer demonstration of the Christmas spirit."

December of 1946, when 56 persons were killed, was the worst single month ever experienced in Oregon. Fatalities in October and November of this year exceeded those recorded in the same two months of 1948.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turner of Sand Hollow returned Friday from a trip to Missouri and other middle western states. They were accompanied by Mr. Turner's little daughter Ruth who has been living with her grandparents.
Miss Ruby Engelman of Ione has been here the past week taking the teachers' examinations.



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are sending me so many beautiful flowers. It is almost worth being sick and shut in for awhile to come to know how many friends I have.
Thank you, one and all.
David Hynd.

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