

# EDITORIAL



## Mr. Truman and 80th Congress

Mr. Truman's harping about the do-nothing 80th Congress is not sustained by the facts. It made great campaign ammunition and he was rejected, getting a democratic (or so he thought) congress to support his promises of all things to all people. The unholy Republican congress, according to the Truman estimate, had been given the bum's rush, as it were and now, with the right thinking and doing people in the Congress to support his policies the millennium was but a short distance away—just around the corner, to borrow a Hoover expression. But what has happened? An ever-so-brief look at the record answers the question effectively.

Let a statement from Representative John Taber of New York tell the story. It was included in the Congressional Record of March 1, 1950: "I hold in my hand the current calendar. The back page indicates only one bill has been passed up to date, and that an urgent deficiency bill. So that there may be no confusion about it, I checked the record of the Eightieth Congress, which the President continues to belabor. At that time they had already passed the independent offices appropriation bill, a large bill; the civil functions bill; an urgent deficiency bill; and a major bill, the income-tax reduction bill. By March 15 we had passed eight of the major appropriation bills. Now the House Appropriations Committee has not completed hearings on the one bill which we are told will be taken up by March 15. Think of it. The Congress has been in session two months and the Senate has not passed a single bill worthy of mention on the calendar. The House has only passed a deficiency appropriation bill. It is a disgraceful record, and proves the complete inability of the Democratic leadership to operate the Government effectively."

We wonder if the President plans to use this wonderful record as a background for demanding that the people displace more Republican congressmen with Democrats. It looks like his trouble has been that more real Democrats were elected two years ago, men who believe in representative government, than the yes-men type of New Dealers, or True Dealers, which characterized the congresses since the beginning of the F.D.R. era. The Republican minority can't be blamed for the failures of the Democratic Congress to enact the whims of the Administration, and the President is stooping to a cheap form of political strategy in continually pointing to the 80th Congress as the horrible example. Congress, to a certain extent has put the brakes on the socialistic trend. It is up to the people to vote likewise if there is to be a right-about face before the planners get complete control of the government.

## Wildlife Belongs to all the People!

By C. A. LOCKWOOD  
Oregon State Game Director

With the observance of Wildlife Week in Oregon, March 19-25, as proclaimed by Governor Douglas McKay, it is fitting that our people, young and old, remember that wildlife in all its forms is the property of each and every citizen. The state functions only as the guardian of our wildlife, holding the wildlife resource in trust for all the people.

In recent years a vastly expanded army of hunters and fishermen has been harvesting the game crop, and in turn, new restrictive measures have been imposed. These regulations are designed to spread the available supply of game among all sportsmen without depleting the resource. This program will succeed only with the cooperation and understanding of all concerned.

Now, more than ever, hunting and fishing must be accepted for the sport and recreational values to be derived and not as a means of filling the family larder. The poacher and the game hog are to be regarded as common thieves.

for they are truly robbing the public of what is rightfully theirs. Our efforts at perpetuating the wildlife resource should not be aimed at today or tomorrow; the pursuit and enjoyment of wildlife is a heritage which we must guard for the generations yet unborn.

The sporting values of wildlife are not the only ones to consider. Governor McKay has aptly described both the recreational and monetary values to be gained from wildlife. Each year, hunters, fishermen, and wildlife enthusiasts spend millions of dollars in pursuit of their favorite sport. To many people the mere existence of a wild bird, fish, or animal is a constant source of pleasure. If the wild creatures were to vanish from the forests, fields, and streams, there would be a great void which nothing could replace. The virtues of outdoor recreation and the enjoyment of our wildlife resource cannot be too highly extolled in this day of tense and hurried living.

In one form or another we all have an interest in wildlife. Considering these many pleasures and benefits which it affords us, the observance of Wildlife Week by all citizens of Oregon is altogether fitting.

## Carpenter or Cook?

Norman Thomas has dedicated his life to the cause of Socialism which, according to the dictionary, is "A political and economic theory of social organization based on collective or governmental ownership—of the essential means for the production and distribution of goods." For many years Mr. Thomas has been the Socialist Party candidate in presidential elections, but has never received more than a handful of votes. The people do not approve of Socialism when it is presented in a forthright manner. And yet in the last decade and a half a large part of the Socialist party platform has been adopted. High political office-holders who profess opposition to the philosophy of Socialism advocate and adopt measures which lead ultimately to all powerful socialistic government.

It is time that candidates and office-holders at every level of government be pinned down on a definition of issues. As one observer points out: "If a bank clerk develops the habit of falsifying his records and stealing money from the bank at which he is employed, how long will his title remain bank clerk, and when will it change from bank clerk to thief? Or, if a man calls himself a carpenter and constantly works at the cooking trade, should the man be called a carpenter or a cook?"

"Similarly, if a man claims to be a Democrat or Republican, but carries on a socialistic program to destroy private business and the profit incentive system—a program that promises the so-called common man everything, one that employs bankruptcy spending, confiscatory taxation and heavier regulations on business, one that takes more control of private property away from the owner, one that makes business costs higher, one that is gradually socializing basic industries and professions, is making more of us wards of the government and is creating regional authorities—should not a man who advocates and works for such a program be called, not a Democrat nor a Republican, but a Socialist?"

"We must give up the illusion—both comfortable and insane—that Soviet Communism is something to be contended with by food baskets from Lady Bountiful. Far though we are from its brutality, we must learn to see Soviet Communism as the modern barbarian. It is the job of statesmanship armed with military power to hold the line against the barbarian—the line and the outposts and the frontiers."

—Henry R. Luce, in Fortune.

## The American Way

### FATTENING FOR THE KILL

By George Peck



The Brannan Plan promises all things to all men. It presents an alluring appeal to all groups—guaranteed income to the farmers, cheaper food for the consumers, and an assured, prosperous, rural market for business. Sounds just dandy, doesn't it?

Briefly, the Brannan Plan has as its objective an annual farm income comparable in purchasing power to that of the ten-year period, 1939-48. For 1950 it is estimated this will amount to over \$26 billion. The producers of perishable commodities would be paid in cash the difference between the support standard and the average selling price for these commodities in the market place.

And what will all this cost us tax-payers? No one seems to know, including even Mr. Brannan, himself. But, authorities who are qualified to express an opinion, estimate it will cost from \$5 billion to \$10 billion or more a year, depending upon trends in prices, production and consumption.

The cost of the Brannan Plan would be added to Federal expenditures, which already are running ahead of revenue. Government taxes of all kinds already take over 25% of the national income. This ratio is dangerously high. In the past whenever any country has taken such a large proportion of income from its people the economy has bogged down under the strain and the government has been forced to step into the saddle and establish a despotic rule.

The farmer himself would suffer the most if the Brannan plan were adopted. In fact, it would fatten him for the kill. In order to receive benefits, the individual farmer would have to comply with production goals; acreage allotments; marketing quotas, agreements and orders; and observe soil conservation practices as prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Under the Brannan proposal the farmer would have to submit to the most rigid set of controls ever imposed upon farming. He would be placed in a strait jacket and be subject to the whims and dictates of the planners.

who would be governed strictly by political expediency rather than by the economic welfare of the nation.

The farmer would be plagued by a swarm of bureaucrats who would tell him how to farm his land, and what crops to grow, how to care for his land, and how the subsidy money is to be spent.

There could be but one final outcome—Nationalization of the Land. Make no mistake, that is the ultimate goal of the planning boys. It is a clever plan to get the farmer's neck into a noose, while he is fattened for the kill.

Farmers should read "The Parable of the Wild Duck," written in the first half of the 19th Century by Kierkegaard, the great Danish philosopher. There is a deadly parallel to be drawn between the plight which will be the farmer's if the Brannan Plan is put into operation, and the sad fate which overtook Kierkegaard's wild duck. The parable follows:

With his mates a wild duck was flying in the Springtime northward across Europe. During the flight he came down in a Danish barnyard where there were tame ducks. He ate of their corn and liked it. He stayed for an hour—then for a day—then a week—then a month—and finally, because he relished the good fare and the safety of the barnyard, he stayed all summer.

Then one Autumn day when the flock of wild ducks was winging its way southward again, it passed over the barnyard and their mate heard their cries. His breast stirred with a strange thrill of joy and delight, and with a great flapping of wings he rose in the air to join his old comrades in their flight but he found that his good fare had made him fat and his muscles so soft and flabby that he could no longer rise no higher than the eaves of the barn.

So he dropped back into the barnyard and said to himself, "Oh, well, my life is safe here, and the food is good."

But, alas he was not safe from the man who fed him, for he later discovered that he was being fattened for the kill.

## 30 YEARS AGO

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES—March 25, 1920

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moyer at their home near this city, Wednesday, March 24.

The funeral of the late Joseph C. Hayes was held from the Christian church Monday. He is survived by his wife and three children, Elra, Neva and Olin.

John B. Calmus became the owner of the H. C. Ashbaugh blacksmith shop last week.

Merle Kirk and Royal Tyler leased 140 acres of fine wheat land near Lexington which belongs to B. H. Peck.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Murdo are rejoicing over the birth of a son at their home in this city March 20.

W. G. McCarty, who some time ago purchased the old school building from District No. 1, last

week began tearing it down.

Glen Boyer has sold his Rhea creek ranch, known as the Belenbrook place, to Wm. Hendrix, Heppner Flat rancher.

Henry Hapold has purchased the Gus Wilcox residence on the west end of Baltimore street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cecil in this city March 18, a daughter. The Cecils reside at Fossil.

A 9-pound son was born Wednesday, March 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Harve G. Coxen.

Born in this city March 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Brookhouse, a 9-pound son

## HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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## Capital Parade

### NEW HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

The appointment of Milo K. Melver as a member of the state highway commission by Governor Douglas McKay was announced following the request last week of Commission Chairman Harry Banfield that he wished to withdraw from this phase of public service. Banfield has served on the commission under three governors.

"Oregon's people are deeply indebted to Harry Banfield for his contributions to the development of the state during most of a decade of unprecedented change," the governor said.

The selection of a successor to Commissioner Banfield was one of the most important placements Governor McKay has been called on to make since he took office. The highway commission expends more money and hires more workers than any other state commission. Its policies and decisions affect people directly and for a long time.

Melver, a Portland mortgage broker, was born in Idaho in 1897, worked his way through Washington State college where he received his B.S. degree in 1921. He is owner of Commerce Investment Co. and has a long list of civic accomplishments.

### OREGON JUSTICE HONORED

Oregon's Supreme Court Justice George Rossman is given lead position in the March issue of the American Bar association journal with an article on "Uniformity of Law."

The article deals with the reason for diversity of laws in the various states and recommends adoption of the proposed uniform commercial code by the legislature when it is submitted through the adoption of such a code. Justice Rossman says, can uniformity of laws throughout the nation be accomplished.

### APPRENTICESHIP APPOINTMENTS

Governor McKay this week informed Labor Commissioner W. E. Kinsey, chairman of the state apprenticeship council, of the appointment of Glen C. Duncan, business representative of Auto Team and Soft Tile Layers of Portland, to succeed Ralph Waggoner of Klamath Falls on the state council.

Also appointed to the same council was T. J. Fry, representing the Glass Workers and Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers of Portland, to succeed Kenneth D. Shoemaker of Salem.

### FISH PROTECTION URGED

Members of the state executive committee of the Isaac Walton League of America meeting in Salem Saturday favored the construction of upper Columbia river dams that will not materially reduce salmon and steelhead runs in the lower Snake.

"While we are not antagonistic to dams designed to permit free passage of migratory fish, we are unalterably opposed to high dams such as the one proposed for the Rogue river," said division president Dr. David B. Charlton.

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Sigmund Unander, chairman of the republican state central committee and one-time private secretary to former Governor Charles H. Sprague, got himself engaged last week. His wedding day, March 31, will be the 33rd anniversary of another well-known republican—Governor Douglas McKay. Along with the passing of other income tax fidgets is the decision of Attorney General Geomene that national guardsmen do not have to pay income tax on money received for attending the annual two-weeks training camp.

A different looking Maj. Gen. Hershey stepped from the Cascade, Wednesday, took a gander at the dome of Oregon's capitol and commented to the effect that the draft is about done for. The Oregon state game commission will move their equipment from the Eugene game farm and sell the site. The new location will be a 1600 acre tract of the war-time Camp Adair.

Mrs. Carolyn Sparks of Milton-Freewater and now at Oregon State college has been selected to represent the M-F Shrine club in the big Shrine Rodeo to be held at Portland in April.

Mrs. Nellie M. Anderson underwent a major operation Friday at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. She is the mother of C. Ervin Anderson of Heppner and has been in a convalescent home in Pendleton.

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