

# EDITORIAL



## There's Always The Weather

When all else fails we can always discuss the weather. And the subject is quite timely as of this moment. We got up to a light covering of "tapioaca" snow—hardly enough to color the landscape—then in turn have witnessed rain, snow, sleet and, up to the hour of writing these few lines, a near clearing of the skies. The result of all this has been to acquire moisture, lots of it. The precipitation up to this time has been almost 16 inches for the year. It is possible to exceed that mark before the year is out.

The extent to which the rain-making effort has affected the precipitation is unknown. We have experienced wet seasons before when there was only Nature to depend upon. The similarity of past and present seasons is such as to warrant the belief that Mother Nature is still caring for her own.

## It's Becoming A Habit

Capturing the Ford Motor Company's Four-Letter Award is becoming a habit with the Rosewall Motor Company. Three years in a row is sufficient proof of the stability of the local concern—that other dealers in this district will have to extend themselves if they are to gain the recognition and wrest the honors from the Rosewalls.

To attain this award the dealer must be "tops in finances, tops in management, tops in spirit, and tops in facilities", to quote from a Ford Motor Company official. To be all of these things, the dealer must be willing to work, to be able to look ahead, to have faith in his community and his business, and to possess that rare quality of leadership that inspires confidence in his employees. The busy corner at Main and May streets

in Heppner is ample testimony that the management possesses all of these attributes.

## Bring In the Best Brains

Robert Kazmayer, the well known lecturer and writer on national and international affairs, recently said: "While there is yet time U. S. public ought to clamor for an equivalent of the Hoover Commission to study U. S. foreign situation, to bring the best brains of the nation into one group, Hoover, Baruch, MacArthur, Eisenhower, Taft, six or eight men, to pool their knowledge and experience, decide on what U. S. must do, what it can do, limits beyond which it probably can't go, what it will take to get out of the drifting, improvising to meet emergencies, to get over onto offensive, with Russia on defensive."

In more or less normal, peaceful times, it is all very well for the country to be run on the old political basis. But when we are faced with the awful question of actual survival, the party label a man wears is as unimportant as the color of his tie. All that matters is whether he has the intelligence and experience to help save his country and its freedoms during one of the most crucial periods history has known.

It is evident to everyone that Russia has been gradually attaining her world objectives—which is tantamount to saying that she is winning a war, whether it be hot or cold—with almost no expenditure of her own manpower and resources.

The problems we face are incredibly difficult. Yet some sort of a solution to all the unanswered questions must be found—and Mr. Kazmayer's suggestion is a fine one. A commission of the best brains we have, regardless of politics or other such minor considerations, was never more sorely needed by our beleaguered country.

## Complete Civilian Defense Plan Is Being Worked Out

A complete civil defense plan is being drawn up because of the gravity of the international crisis, Oregon civil defense leaders announced today.

This new plan will be ready in a few days. It will outline exactly what regional, state, county and local agencies are expected to do in an emergency.

Civil defense leaders are meeting today in San Francisco to work out mutual aid agreements whereby California, Washington and Oregon would help each other in case of attack.

This agreement will cover law enforcement, firefighting, medical aid and transportation, such as sending heavy rescue equipment to a stricken area.

Those attending this conference from Oregon are Governor Douglas McKay, State Civil Defense Director Louis Starr, and State Health Officer Harold M. Erickson.

The basic Oregon plan will cover every phase of civil defense operation, including mutual aid.

More than 400 experienced welfare workers have been signed up for quick assignment in event of a disaster.

State police, and county and local law enforcement officers will meet in Salem next Tuesday to work out civil defense problems as they affect law enforcement. The meeting, called by Starr, will hear Governor Douglas McKay and defense experts tell how police officers can help out.

## O.S.C. Given \$4,000 Grant For Cancer Research Project

Research on the relationship of a body chemical, nucleic acid, to tissue growth and cancer is being conducted at Oregon State college by Dr. E. J. Dornfeld, professor of zoology, under a \$4,000 American Cancer society grant.

Nucleic acids and related body chemicals are vitally concerned in growth processes of cells, Dr. Dornfeld explains. Since cancer is a form of abnormal growth, the zoologist is interested in learning more about these substances. Developing rat ovaries are used in the research.

Dr. Dornfeld says that nucleotides are formed when nucleic acids break down. When added to the growth mixture they were found to restrain cell division. This opens up a new possibility to halt the spread of cancer, Dr. Dornfeld explains. He adds that evidence suggests that x-ray treatments for cancer involves the production of such growth-blocking nucleotides.

Work along this line is now being continued with special attention to other compounds related to nucleic acids and to the proteins and enzymes associated with them. Technical accounts of these investigations will appear in early editions of the Anatomical Record and the Journal of Experimental Zoology.

When a socialist friend "bends our ear" with his cock-eyed plans for reshaping mankind, figure just which of the sixteen you are willing to give up. You'll find there is not a single one you would relinquish. Tell him to go peddle his wares to Joe and his pals at the Kremlin.

## 30 Years Ago

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES  
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Soft plush carpets and rugs adorn the floors and oak and walnut furniture make for comfort and well being of the guests of the new Heppner hotel. Pat Foley hopes to have open house and a banquet December 31.

Dr. Chick reports the arrival of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Poe of Ione, Tuesday, December 7; and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell of Ione, December 7; and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Silva Huston of Eight Mile on December 9.

George Dillon of Madras has purchased 40 acres improved alfalfa land from Alex Wilson two miles southwest of Boardman.

C. C. Haynie, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Heppner, has accepted the cashiership of the Security National Bank of Fairfield, Idaho and will leave with his family on December 28.

Morrow County Farm Bureau will hold a meeting at Lexington December 20.

Married in Portland Saturday, December 4, by Rev. O. Green of the Swedish Lutheran church, H. V. Smouse and Miss Anne Troedson, both of Ione.

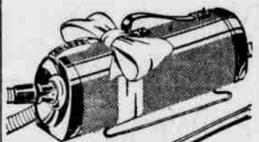
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## The American Way

### THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

By MAURICE R. FRANKS

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The Masonic Chronicle of September 16, 1950, named 16 basic principles of the original American political philosophy, which until recently have been accepted as the essence of "The American Way" of life. The political and economic rights which protect the dignity and freedom of the individual, listed by the Chronicle, are as follows:

- "1) Right to worship God in one's own way.
- "2) Right to free speech and free press.
- "3) Right to assemble.
- "4) Right to petition grievances.
- "5) Right to privacy in our homes.
- "6) Right to habeas corpus—no excessive bail.
- "7) Right to trial by jury—in-nocent till proved guilty.
- "8) Right to move about freely at home and abroad.
- "9) Right to own property.
- "10) Right to work in callings

and localities of our choice.

"11) Right to bargain with our employees.

"12) Right to go into business, compete, make a profit.

"13) Right to bargain for goods and services in a free market.

"14) Right to contract about our affairs.

"15) Right to the service of government as a protector and referee.

"16) Right to freedom from 'arbitrary' government regulation and control."

These principles should be read not once but several times, and pondered upon. They are not just theories, untried and unproven. They are not "isms" that reflect the views of certain classes or minorities. They cannot be twisted or changed to suit the caprice of those who would foist socialism upon us.

They are, instead, the principles which our Founding Fathers in their great wisdom, wrote into that glorious Constitution of ours, by which the freedom of every man is guaranteed. They have been tested by time; they have been "weighed in the bal-

ance and found wanting"; they enabled this nation to attain an economic, social and political stature that is the envy of the entire world.

There are those among us who "look down their noses" at our Constitution. They claim it is out of date, a relic of the "horse-and-buggy" and "candle" days. They say that times have changed since Benjamin Franklin and his colleagues drew up that immortal document; that science and invention have so limited space and so nearly wiped out time that the old rules, the old traditions, the old principles no longer apply.

These poor, misguided souls advocate "one world," and "world government;" they would have us renounce our nationality and, abandoning our rights and liberties, merge ourselves politically, and socially with all the other nations of the world.

They are glib. To the unthinking individual their arguments have a ring of plausibility. But the truth is, the rest of the world, the best of it along with the worst of it, never has caught up with the social, political and industrial progress the United States has made. This is not due to our being smarter than the peoples of other lands. Our amazing progress stems directly from the political philosophy upon which this nation was founded—a philosophy which declared that each individual in it should be, must be, is free.

Please read those sixteen basic principles again and again.

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