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## Look Again

Critics of the "establishment"—considered to be the entire business and industrial structure of the country—charge that it contributes nothing to the solution of today's most pressing problems. Yet, look what happens when there is a slight slowdown in business. Suddenly government tax revenue falls off, and government at all levels is more hard-pressed than ever to pay its bills. Deficits climb.

Time magazine reports, "The fiscal-1971 deficit is the unforeseen result of a \$20 billion forecasting error; Nixon had originally budgeted a \$1.3 billion surplus. His projections were knocked askew by the recession, which is holding revenues about \$8 billion below early estimates and forcing higher spending for such things as unemployment compensation and interest on the national debt."

The greatest asset any country can have is prosperous, taxpaying enterprise—the kind that the dissidents call the "establishment". Without such enterprise, it is idle to talk of progress—social or otherwise. Even a minor recession makes what should be a self-evident truth stand out in bold relief.

## Don't Demolish the Chuck Wagon

A few years ago not many people had even heard the word ecology. But today, along with God and motherhood, it ranks well up there as a sacred subject. Consequently, the stampede is on to join the safe and right side of the ecology issue. As usual, when there is a stampede, the innocent chuck wagon may get demolished.

American farmers are something like the chuck wagon. They feed the nation, and yet they have been caught in a cross fire of controversy over use of chemicals such as pesticides that are indispensable to high food production. Today, due in large measure to the success of the chemical industry, one man in agriculture can feed himself and 46 others. By 1975, he will have to feed himself and 55 others. However, even as the need for more food is being predicted, chemical companies and agriculture are facing greater restrictions on the development and use of agricultural chemicals. It now costs between \$3 and \$5 million to register a new compound.

Far from being unconcerned about the ecology, the chemical industry is a leader in public education in the safe use of pesticides and other chemicals. It is also keenly aware of the contribution of pesticides to a more wholesome life. They have been a major contributor to an increase in crop production of from 20 to 30 percent in the past 30 years. Food production costs have been reduced by an estimated \$2.5 billion annually, principally as a result of judicious use of chemicals in agricultural production. Without pesticides, production would decline and food prices soar. This is a side of the pesticide story that has been drowned out in the uproar over the ecology. It is a victim of the ecology stampede. (Industrial News Review)

## Two Kinds of Citizens

Gun control extremists seem to think guns rather than people are the instigators of crime. If such a theory were followed to its logical conclusion, the list of potential lethal accessories of modern civilization which should be removed from citizen ownership becomes endless — automobiles, bathtubs, kitchen knives, hammers, hatchets — and probably the ancient bow and arrow.

The Virginia State Legislature is considering a bill to impose separate mandatory prison sentences on persons carrying firearms during commission of crimes. A sponsor of the proposed Virginia law notes that, "Only the illegal user of firearms would have anything to fear." The Virginia proposal has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association. It represents the type of action that should be taken in any measure having to do with firearms control. It covers riots to the extent that rioting and inciting to riot, now a misdemeanor, would become a felony if a firearm is used. It would include carrying, pointing or brandishing a firearm "or any object confusingly similar in appearance to a firearm" during a crime, regardless of whether it is a misdemeanor or felony. The wounding of a victim with a gun during a crime would automatically bring a prison sentence of 10 to 20 years.

The proposed Virginia law recognizes the fundamental fact that most gun control legislation overlooks. There are two kinds of citizens — those who obey the law and those who break it. Throwing both into the same kettle, when it comes to guns, is a travesty of justice.

## Sunday Painters

By REV. ED CUTTING

A "Sunday Painter" is a person busy with job or home-making who finds time now and then to paint pictures for the pleasure it gives him. Beginning painters may lack the fine points of trained artistry, but the more skill the painter combines with his experiences the more effective are his works of art. A commercial artist, drawing and painting for TV, newspaper and magazine ads, develops much skill, but because his effort is intended for propaganda (illustrative and selling) purposes it seldom reaches the level of great art.

Those who attend church or "go to church" on radio or TV, are listening to a speaker who paints word pictures through the use of words, expression, and gesture. The minister attempts to persuade the listener toward some end, whether it might be social action or personal improvement.

Is the minister, reader, or priest so concerned about his mechanics (grammar), prejudices, and propaganda as he prepares a sermon that he blocks his creativity? Does the listener judge a sermon so much for its perfectability of rhetorical skill,

that is, its commerciality, that he fails to receive its artistry? Which is the winsome and strong word of truth.

When the preacher is primarily concerned to plainly combine the biblical experience and tradition with a contemporary setting he will be communicating an authentic work of art. People are moved more deeply by a valid, even if simple effort, than by a communicative process that transmits only the fact that something is being communicated.

The work of art painted during times of worship by religious leaders as they deliver their sermon are not intended to be artistic creations for the whole world to remember. Instead they are the means whereby a man or woman shares with the congregation the truth of God. The listener is not to expect a performance as though watching a TV show. It is expected he allow himself become a part of the action—a viewer wanting to have something happen.

Skill, pleasure, and authenticity combine in a process of presenting a dynamic faith to a searching people.

## Salem Scene

By Jack Zimmerman

### Victor Atiyeh Coordinates Oregon Senate's Minority

Victor Atiyeh comes on more like a savings and loan company executive than he does a rug merchant.

Actually, he's both. By the same token, the manner of this five-term lawmaker little resembles the popular concept of minority party legislative leader. Minority leaders usually swing from the hip, make plenty of noise and often accomplish little more than attempt to discredit the majority. The office has no "official" standing with the Legislature. But when it comes to the Oregon State Senate in this and recent sessions, Minority Leader plays a bigger role than simply leading the "loyal opposition."

Majority-minority status in the upper chamber has a tendency to be razor thin. The tenuous power balance calls for a different type of minority leadership. Atiyeh defines the difference simply: "We have a very positive chance for success when we develop legislative goals." Proof of this contention was demonstrated again at the beginning of the 56th Legislative Assembly when minority GOPs kept majority Democrats from seating their leader as Senate President.

Subsequent minority goals are less apparent so far. Additional triumphs are part of the future. Victor Atiyeh conducts himself as if chances for further successes ride squarely upon his shoulders. Likely they do. And he's taking them one at a time. A so-called "young Turk" in the House for three sessions, Atiyeh was a maverick freshman Senator in 1965. The son of a Syrian immigrant, he approaches service to his state with obsessive patriotic fervor. Although personally unpretentious, Sen. Atiyeh is an unashamed flag-waver and believes firmly in Oregon's legislative process and the sanctity of the vote.

By 1967 these basic philosophies and expertise in taxation had won lasting respect of Senate establishment and increasingly fervent support of Washington County voters. During that session and last he was instrumental in passage of environmental legislation that has made his state a leader in the field.

"We have air and water pretty well under control now," he declares. "Now we have to do the same for solid waste and make certain the regulatory agency is properly funded." Speaking on this session's other emotion-laden issue, Atiyeh believes a small percentage of consumers have legitimate complaints arising from treatment by an equally small percentage of unethical businessmen. But he firmly opposes imposition of controls that would hamstring what he describes as the 98% of Oregon merchants who are honest in their dealings with the public.

No longer a boat-rocker, the Senate's minority chief describes himself as more of a "coordinator" than leader of his party caucus. Because of the nearly equal balance of political power, his party's voice is seldom ignored by the Senate President. And the Senate minority carries additional weight by teaming with a relatively solid GOP House majority. Already Atiyeh and Speaker Robert Smith have announced their party's Home Preservation Plan for property tax relief. It would exempt the first \$1,500 in value of an owner-occupied home from property tax, freeze taxes for homeowners 65 and older and provide a \$500 income tax credit for home improvements.

Vict Atiyeh believes the Legislature's recent and current preoccupation with property tax relief has diverted attention from other vital functions of state government. But he's not sidetracking the issue. He espouses the Republican plan that would put an additional \$24.9 million into basic school support, mainly by paring Gov. McCall's budget proposal. At the same time he realizes the plan won't create sufficient, tangible, long-range results.

That solution, he believes, can be found in a yet-to-be-expressed county-by-county net receipts tax plan. Long an advocate of an income tax approach to property tax relief, he believes his plan would enable each county to approve its local governmental funding at the polls.

"It would provide an alternative to property taxes," he explained. Whether speaking officially or personally, Atiyeh's views are construed by news media to be those of his party. Proof of the fact was apparent when he personally remonstrated a mid-session Democrat fund-raising event. It was demonstrative of his personal determination to divorce campaigning for office from the necessary bipartisan spirit required to achieve just and meaningful legislation.

Officially he describes his party's Senators as "restrained" members of the James G. Blaine Society. They favor preservation of Oregon's open space, for instance. But oppose it on a single purpose basis. They favor adequate welfare funding. But want the money to go to those in need — with as little as necessarily possible devoted to administration.

With a relatively liberal legislative apprenticeship behind him, Victor Atiyeh emerges no less dedicated. Rather, he epitomizes the bedrock maturity inherent in effective members of the Senate. And this quality doubtless accounts for his present pinnacle of legislative prominence.

## PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state all the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to your COUNTY ASSESSOR Joyce Ritch, under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX". Please ask only one question per sheet. Then watch this column for the answer.

### QUESTION:

Our church leases some property for \$1.00 per year from a benevolent organization. The agreement calls for our church (the lessee) to pay all ad valorem taxes assessed against the subject property. Since the lease is for 99 years would our church have a sufficient substantial incident of ownership to qualify for exemption under ORS 307-130.

### ANSWER:

No. It is the opinion of the Director of Revenue that such a lessee is neither a purchaser nor owner for the purposes of ORS 307-130.



It's a complicated life any more, as you already know. After Allen Tom's enthusiastic talk about the chicken business Monday, well, the reason I'm not going into that business is (as you guessed) I'm chicken.

One local fat-so reports that he went on an all-steak diet and in only 14 days he lost \$1.00.

Gonty's was getting a coat of green and blue early this week. Sears new store across the street is soon to get a new coat.

The Oregon State Highway Commission has announced distribution of \$5,304,395.05 in highway-user tax funds to the 36 counties.

Morrow is to receive \$7820.76. Morrow has 4511 vehicles, about one for each resident.

In our story last week on the hospital levy that has been proposed, a big error appeared. The amount of a serial levy is limited by law to 1-40th of one percent of the true cash value of the total assessed valuation of the county. Our item read "one-fourth of one percent," an entirely different kettle of fish. On a serial levy the small tax would raise \$22,500 each year for three years. We are dedicated to do our best to help in any way we can to have a hospital in Morrow County. Seems like this is the answer.

Irvin Mann's Irrigation Credit Program (House Bill 1303) got approval recently by the House Natural Resources Committee. A study of this bill shows much promise for Eastern Oregon. If the bill and its companion Joint Res. 14 should pass both houses voters will have the final say on the program in the 1972 May primary. Greatest danger to the bill we believe is from city folks who have no understanding of the great credit needs for agricultural development here.

## Pioneer Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

Binoculars Will Do It  
If age has made your blood too thin for snowmobiles, and your bones too brittle for skiing, and you still enjoy the mountains for recreation, try binoculars. With their use, you can open a whole new area of interests. Without much physical effort you can bring the birds and game animals for a closeup observation. If you are in the High Desert country, you can bring Harney Butte, and Wagontire Mt. in the roadside, and the Fossil formations will be so close you may have to move your car to the other side of the road. You can do a lot of prowling with binoculars. One devotee of their use said he brought a buck deer out of a canyon, and close enough so he could hear him walking in the grass. Next time you make a trip for pleasure in the outdoor country, buy, beg, or borrow a pair and try 'em. You will be surprised how easy you can enjoy your explorations.

Wavel Wilkinson  
(Ranchers of Morrow County urge everyone interested to write to Mr. Volpe expressing your feelings on the truck drivers regulations).

Dear Sirs:  
Please continue my subscription from current expiration date for another year. It is good to get the Morrow County news. Thank you.  
Don Campbell  
120 N. Oak Cliff Blvd.  
Dallas, Texas 75208

## NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

(April 22-29)  
Thurs., April 22—State Unemployment Insurance claims processor (10 a.m.-noon) and 1 p.m.-2 p.m.) Senior Citizens social and crafts afternoon (2 p.m.-4 p.m.) Holly Rebekah Lodge, Lexington.  
Mon., April 26—Iris Howell, Youth Unemployment Count.  
Tues., April 27—G.E.D. (1 p.m.-4 p.m.) Heppner TOPS club (7:30-9:30 p.m.)  
Wed., April 28—Bonnie Thrasher, Nutrition Class (10:00-2:00 p.m.)  
Thurs., April 29—Senior Citizens.

## School Lunch Menus

Presented Through Courtesy of Heppner Branch



Heppner Elementary and High Schools  
SCHOOL HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, April 26—Corn dogs, green beans, cabbage salad, birthday cake for Mrs. Matthews, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 27—Spaghetti, ground beef, vegetable salad, fruit crisp, muffins, butter, jelly, milk.

Wednesday, April 28—Pizza, hot vegetable, jello fruit salad, graham crackers, milk.

Thursday, April 29—Potatoes and gravy, cold tomatoes, carrot sticks, cake and fruit, rolls, butter, milk.

Friday, April 30—Toasted cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, lettuce wedge, fruit medley, cookies, milk.

## Homemakers' Festival Has Big Drawing Cards

"Do You Remember?" will be the theme of the Morrow County Homemakers' Spring Festival Thursday, April 29. It will be held at the Morrow Co. fairgrounds, starting with a coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. The program will include slides and commentary by Curtis Lund, showing historic scenes of Oregon.

Also included on the program will be display of Indian crafts and food. Homemakers from the Umatilla Indian Reservation will be on hand to discuss the exhibits. Jerry Nibler, State Leader, county Extension programs, Oregon State University, plans to attend. Harold Kern, county staff chairman, will give a short review of the recent long range program planning conference held in Morrow county.

This annual event is held every year to bring together Extension women from throughout the county, and to show the general public program accomplishments during the year. The county advisory committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Norman Nelson, Ione, is in charge of the big event. Local Heppner units are in charge of all arrangements.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

APRIL 22  
Elks Annual Anglers Stag Night.  
Lots of prizes. Deep fat fried prawns at 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 23  
CowBelle's Annual Spring Luncheon, 1:00 p.m. at Episcopal Parish Hall \$1.50

APRIL 23-24  
Fish worm sale at John's Chevron by Joycee Wives. Friday evening and all day Saturday.

APRIL 23-24  
Senior Class Play "Agatha" at HHS, 8:00 p.m.

APRIL 23  
Rural Development tour—Boardman.

APRIL 24  
Past Noble Grand Luncheon at IOOF Hall, 12:30 p.m. All PNG of Districts 19 & 20 invited.

APRIL 24  
Pomona Grange at Rhea Creek, 10:30 a.m.

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## Public Hearing

For Morrow County People In the lone Area.

For the Purpose of —  
Locating Nuclear Power Plants with Coolant Water Irrigation in Morrow County.

We seek permission of Sanction of Morrow County People to locate Nuclear Plants in Morrow County.

HEARINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A COMMITTEE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

lone High School  
8 P.M., April 28, 1971

Morrow County Nuclear Power Plant Sanction Committee.

## Trouble with blacktop erosion?

L. E. DICK  
YOUR STANDARD MAN  
Can solve your problem  
He's in Heppner, 676-9633

