

# Horse sense



By ERNEST V. JOINER

● The American Civil Liberties Union (which I regard as neither American nor civil) was recently successful in getting a felon appointed as a juror in Los Angeles. This probably stretches the common law admonishment that an accused is entitled to be tried by a jury of his "peers," and it is certainly not what the founding fathers had in mind when they wrote into the constitution that an accused must be tried by an "impartial jury." This act probably sets a precedent, and we may look forward to criminals sitting on juries that try suspected criminals; which is responsible, considering that the lunatics are already running the asylums and prisoners are in charge of the prisons. Webster's dictionary defines a peer as "one that is of equal standing with another;" therefore, one criminal on the jury and one accused in the dock suggests "equal standing." I can understand the ACLU's point of view. Obviously, a criminal is better able to understand and appreciate and have more compassion for an accused than would a stuffy old law-abider. "Relating" is the new social surge. Very important. So, invoking the same principle that a felon's place is sitting in the jury box instead of standing in front of it, I suggest that henceforth only rapists be permitted to sit as jurors in a rape case, because a rapist can best "relate" to another rapist. Only muggers should sit in judgment on an accused mugger, because muggers have this community of interests and understanding that a "straight" could never have. Murder defendants, naturally, must be judged by murderers in order to uphold the specific requirement of the U. S. Constitution that a person accused of crime shall be tried by an "impartial jury." Now, if the new social science places criminals in the jury box, does it not follow that judges should also be criminals? If it is unfair to try an accused without a criminal on the jury, it must be unfair to try an accused without a criminal on the bench.

● I had no idea how prophetic I was in announcing last week the advent of the Silly Season. First, we get felons on the jury. Now comes the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation over Pendleton way to seek (and they certainly shall find) an all-Indian police force and judicial system to enforce Indian tribal law, Indian culture and presumably some white man law. Appeals from the proposed all-Indian court is directed to federal district court, which shows what our red brothers think of Oregon's judiciary. Gen. Custer wouldn't like this at all. But the idea is sure to be popular and to expand. If there is going to be all-Indian police and courts, what about the same treatment for black men, yellow men and brown men? I would suggest the equal consideration for white men, but that would be racial discrimination at its worst! Once we have law and courts on a race basis (except that whites must be excluded), it might become socially necessary to create police forces and courts made up of all-Catholic, all-Protestant and all-Jew communities. The possibilities are limitless for getting a fair shake by one's own peer group. How about all-male, all-female and all-homosexual police and judges? Or are we just going to stop with setting up a sweet deal for the Indians? For years the social planners, misty-eyed liberals and intellectual pygmies have been working mightily to make everybody equal in every way—even to the point of embracing communism. They are the same people who pushed us into the United Nations, Women's Lib, the non-sex movement and equal opportunity employment—and who have all but rewritten the language in a drive to any reference to eliminate race, age, sex, religion or nationality. Yet here they are. Janus-faced, setting up special police and courts based 100 per cent on race. Incredible.

● The Umatilla Indian incident reminds me of the cowboy who was riding along the Oregon Trail back in the 1850s, and in the distance saw an Indian stretched out with his ear to the ground. The cowboy had always heard that Indians could put their ears to the ground and detect such things as running horses, stampeding buffalo and other animal migration. Curious as to what the Indian was listening to, he rode near, tied his horse, and approached the Indian. "How!" he said, giving the hand greeting. "What you listen to?" The Indian raised his hand in greeting, and without taking his ear from the ground replied: "Stage coach . . . two men on top, one ride shotgun . . . four people inside stagecoach . . . one little boy with birthday cake on lap . . ." The cowboy was amazed. "You mean you can hear all that with your ear to the ground?" he asked. "No," the Indian said haltingly, "stagecoach run over me . . . half-hour ago."

● I have a feeling this racial fragmentation of law enforcement and judiciary powers will be regretted by the Indians themselves. Races generally oppress their own kind, as witness what goes on in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, China, Chad, Gambia, Ethiopia and a host of African mini-nations. Before it's over the Umatilla Indians may feel as though that stagecoach ran over the lot of them.

● Sen. Ken Jernstedt confirmed from Salem last week what so many Oregonians already know—bureaucracy is stifling state economic development. Here's what he said: "This week our joint committee on economic development held a most interesting hearing. Its purpose was to try to determine at least a part of the 'log jams' that state government—through its regulatory agencies—has placed in the way of development in the State of Oregon. The bombshell of the hearing was the fact that over \$1 billion worth of proposed plants, hotels, motels, manufacturing establishments, etc., are now at a standstill because agencies have not handed out a decision! At a time when our state needs stimulation it is astounding that we, as a people, are being held up by our own agencies. We also heard testimony on how the Department of Health has thrown obstacles in the way of the development of many sewer and water projects—again a deterrent to growth . . . This same committee listened to the members and staff of the Department of Environmental Quality. This is one of several state agencies that are on the hot spot at this time for allegedly holding up economic development in our state. If any message came out of this hearing, it is that changes should be made in their procedures that would insure a faster decision on the part of the commission when an application is made." Most of these agencies, I believe, should never have been created. All of them should be held answerable to the people for their crimes against Oregon's economy. Sic'em, senator!

## THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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Bullish On America

## The mail pouch

EDITOR:

1. Won't you please take time to read and study some of the papers published by former editors of the Heppner Gazette-Times? In them you will find little newsy items of people visiting people, of social events, club meetings and 4-H events.

2. 4-H members are encouraged to keep scrapbooks and these scrapbooks are important when they apply for scholarships. Scrapbooks aren't complete if there aren't newspaper items about the club members. 4-H members aren't submitting items because the news events they have sent in were not printed.

3. If their items are not meeting your requirements for publication, then do as other editors have done—cooperate with the 4-H office and have training sessions for news reporters.

4. People in our communities are busy and people outside of the community like to read about the old friends "at home." Your reporters have tried but you have discarded their writings, too.

Come on, let's have some "warmth and friendship" in the local paper.

The Gazette-Times has been in my parents' home and my home for many years, and I'd like to be interested in it for a few more.

5. I am involved in the new Morrow County Historical Society and your publication of items submitted so far has been satisfactory, thank you. But why weren't the news items and membership application printed together?

RUTH E. McCABE, Ione.

(ED. NOTE—Thanks for your letter. Why is it everybody knows better than I how to run a newspaper! We are not printing the "newsy items" because very few people go to the trouble to call or send them in. We print 90 per cent of all items submitted, which must be some kind of a record among newspapers. We do not phone everybody in the county every week to pester them for news, but we would hope every person in the county would place a toll free call and let us have the items. We want them. To answer your criticism in order: 1. No, we will not study the works of former editors; we're interested only in what we are doing today. 2. 4-H reporters will have their items published when they are submitted and if they make sense. If scrapbooks are important, I suggest the various 4-H Clubs appoint as reporters literate persons who know what a news item is. 3. It doesn't take a training session to educate reporters. All it takes is the ability to write a complete sentence and to remember to include the cardinal elements: Who, What, Where, When and Why. Please no more of this: "We met at Joe's house, talked about dogs, 8 were present. We had a good time" garbage. Kids who write like that don't deserve a scholarship. 4. We're busy too, including evenings, Sundays and holidays. 5. Because we had a choice of separating the two or leaving them out. I'm glad you gave us another opportunity to explain that in order to publish newsy items we have to have the cooperation of those who want them published. We had a wonderful item today about a conservation meeting. It gave the time, place, speaker, subject matter. Terrific story. But the person who submitted it neglected to say what day the meeting would be held! The reporter in your town of Ione has just resigned because people won't turn in news items to her. She was a good reporter and we hate to lose her.)

EDITOR:

I started a letter to Mr. French but decided a public accusation, although not meant as such, should receive a public apology.

As he said, I should have checked first or at least not mentioned the location of the cemetery involved. I am glad to learn, however, that the cemetery had not been molested. Having lived away from Morrow County for some years one tends to forget that there is not the vandalism there that is so rampant here in the valley. It is not always the owner of land that destroys that which is on it.

I also noticed another error in my previous letter when I read it in the paper. I did not mean to imply that when using a tape recorder one should hide it, simply not make a fuss about it. No one drew this to my attention, though I'm sure many of you noticed it.

FRANCES COX GRIFFIN, Beaverton.

## Applications ready for YCC openings

Applications will be accepted Feb. 15 through Mar. 15 for a limited number of openings in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) operated by the State of Oregon, U. S. Department of the Interior, and the U. S. Forest Service.

The youth program, a permanent one entering its fifth year, is designed to provide temporary employment during the summer for young men and women of all races and economic backgrounds. Applicants must be at least 15 and not yet 19 years of age and have an interest in the natural environment.

Participants in the YCC learn by being introduced to environmental problems, contributing to their solutions, and working with the management and development of our public lands.

This year in Oregon, the YCC program enrollment is expected to reach 225, slightly under last year's total. In the past years, the YCC

has taken part in and completed projects involving stream improvement, timber thinning, range fencing, trail clearing, and construction of recreation facilities, among others.

Young men and women work side by side at several resident and non-resident camps, starting about the last week in June and continuing eight weeks into mid-August.

Persons interested in the program may obtain further information from high school counselors, state employment offices, or from the Governor's Commission on Youth, 775 Court St., Salem, Ore., 97310.

Forest Service camps are planned for the Ochoco, Mt. Hood, Siuslaw, and Umatilla National Forests, with Department of Interior camps at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, Crater Lake National Park, and the Horning Tree Nursery near Colton. A non-resident camp may be operated in the Portland area.

## Dates set for ASCS meeting

David McLeod, executive director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office, announced a statewide conference of Oregon county committees will be held at Salishan Lodge at Gleneden Beach on Mar. 4 and 5.

Planning to attend from Morrow County are Elmer E. Padberg, Thomas E. Currin, Delmer A. Hug, Harold Kerr, and the ASCS office staff.

A highlight of the conference will be an address by Andrew J. Mair, Coordinator of the Food for Peace Program for the agency for international development. Mr. Mair recently returned to this position from an assignment in which he assisted with preparations for the World Food Conference that took place in Rome last November.

Mr. Mair has an impressive earlier record with ASCS starting in 1954. He served as Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations for a number of years before moving to the Department of State for assignments to American embassies in Italy, Afghanistan, Turkey and the Netherlands. In 1969 he returned to the Dept. of Agriculture under an appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Operations before returning to the Department of State in his present position.

Mr. Mair will discuss foreign market opportunities and world needs for U. S. agricultural products.

Local committeemen will have several opportunities for floor discussion of ASCS administrative and program matters. It is not anticipated that a 1975 conservation practice cost-sharing program will be announced by the date of the conference because funds for such a program are temporarily frozen while the Congress considers a rescission requested by the administration. However, ASCS officials from Washington attending the conference will be interested in recommendations by local committeemen as to the type of program they need to help meet their local conservation problems.

COURTESY OF EAST OREGONIAN

The following theft is brought to you through the courtesy of the East Oregonian dated Feb. 13, 1975:

Two thefts were reported to Morrow County Sheriff John Mollahan Wednesday. Woodrow Webb reported the theft of a .308 rifle and a 30-06 rifle valued at \$250. Joyce Kraft reported the loss of a gold ring valued at \$100 and a stereo set. Both thefts took place Saturday and were from a trailer house on Willow Creek.

## Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers spent most of the session at the country store Saturday night looking at the linings of some of the dark clouds hanging over his country. They started discussing the bright side of American life in 1975 after Bill Weatherford reported he had saw where there is a movement getting started called People for Positive Thinking. Bill said maybe if everybody worked hard at it the idea might even spread to Republicans.

Ed Gonty called Bill's hand quick. Ed said the problems in this country go beyond politics, and the first positive step would be to realize that our domestic policy for the past several administrations has been run on the tweedledee-tweedledum plan, with the dum getting the best of it.

As a general thing, allowed Ed, the two-party system is the best form of free Government, but sometime they pull in different directions until nobody knows which way the country ought to be going. It would be a good idea, went on Ed, to collect all the oddballs from the two parties into a third one, then the Democrats and Republicans could git down to running the country.

Actual, allowed Bug Hookum, trying to find silver in some of our clouds is like the pilot that told the folks on the plane he had some good news and some bad news. The bad news was that he was lost, but the good news was they had a strong tailwind and was making real good time.

Wherever we're going, declared Bug, we seem to be in a big hurry to git there.

Zeke Grubb said he had saw by the papers where they ain't any pore houses in this country today. At first when he read that, Zeke said he felt bad, cause he had been keeping his old lady in line for years by telling her they'd wind up in the pore house if she didn't cut back on her spending. But Zeke said he got to feeling better when he reminded himself that he didn't need no control over that situation, cause he wasn't bringing in anything to spend.

General speaking, the fellers were trying to go along with positive thinking. Bug said it was mighty comforting to know that the new Congress was at work holding up its record of being the biggest giveaway program on earth.

Bug said the Lord helps those that help theirself, but that Congress will help anybody.

We already got low-rent public housing fer folks that would be in their pore houses we done away with, Bug said, and now we're talking about hard cash to replace the food stamps and other bothersome forms of welfare.

There's good news on the foreign aid front, according to Ed. He said he saw where 161 countries owe the United States more than \$33 billion and 100 of them are behind in their payments. With interest rates what they are, Ed said, we might have to call in some of the notes. One of the country's in debt to us is Iran, that owes \$36 million.

Maybe we took a mortgage on some of Iran's oil wells, and we can foreclose, was Ed's words.

Yours truly, MAYOR ROY.



## Airports invaded by Hare Krishnite

By LESTER KINSOLVING

WASHINGTON—Repeatedly, annoyed passengers in the long lines in front of the Eastern Airlines ticket counter in the congested Washington National Airport have been further frustrated by especially aggravating non-passengers.

These intruders, who aggressively peddle books and pamphlets, are among the world's noisiest—noisier and nastiest cults of pseudo-oriental exhibitionists—the Hare Krishna chanters.

There have been in the last six months 50 complaints filed with the airport police, which might have resulted in more arrests were it not for the time requirement which airline passengers can rarely afford. Police have themselves arrested 10 of these Krishnites, for such offenses as obstructing free passage, as well as larceny.

"What is really tragic," observes Rex Davenport, station manager for Northwest Orient Airlines, "is to see so many young service men who are victimized by these people—especially the GI who is asked to contribute and who believes them when they say they will get them change for a 10 or 20 dollar bill."

"Then they have another habit," notes Davenport. "They fill all the coin-operated lockers with their literature, without paying for the key. Why anyone would want to steal such stuff is beyond me, but they post one guard while they deny all passengers the right to use the lockers."

There are similar complaints concerning the Krishnites in Dulles Airport as well as in airports across the nation. "I hear Atlanta has been swarming with these people," remarked Davenport.

In Chicago's O'Hare Airport there have been complaints not only of annoyance and of shortchanging of servicemen, but of molesting girls, as well.

Harried and usually hurried airport passengers who are being subjected to this harassment should be interested to know that much of it is due to the efforts of Ralph Nader, however indirectly.

For when Nader's Aviation Consumer Action Project successfully sued for the right to leaflet air line passengers on public property (airports), attorneys for the Krishnites began demanding the right for their clients to "practice their religion" (i.e. solicit passengers for money).

In their D. C. airport invasion, the male Krishnites generally cover their shaven heads with wigs and wear modern garb instead of their peach-colored sheets. They also refrain from their customary street corner performances as a cymbal-clanging horde of loud and repetitive spouters. (The same 12 word chant about Hare Krishna, is repeated endlessly.)

The idea that freedom of religion means that airline passengers should have to go on being accosted by this gaggle of insistent beggars simply cries out for the relief of common sense in a high court.

Meanwhile, it would be interesting indeed if several clergy and laity from certain churches in Southwest Virginia and Eastern Tennessee suddenly appeared to "practice their religion" during the rush hour at D. C. National.

These religionists could no doubt extract far more by way of contributions than even the most aggressive Krishna chanter. For they could meet all incoming passengers and extend to them the right hand of fellowship—while clutching in the left hand the appearance of their faith (rattles, copperheads, water moccasins and coral snakes). (See The Gospel of St. Mark, Chapter 16, Verse 18.)

When the Krishnites first began attracting attention on the streets of San Francisco and Berkeley in early 1970, the information counselor at the Consulate of India in San Francisco was asked about their purported origin in India. "You don't see any Indians in that group, do you?" asked K. Raghunath. "This is a United States organization. There are various sects with something like this, but it doesn't exist in India."