

Horse sense

By

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On Jan. 30, 1976, 10 Congressmen representing 124 members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives met in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, and signed a parody of the Declaration of Independence. This parody is "A Declaration of Interdependence," and it calls for renunciation of American sovereignty and the establishment of a United Nations World Government.

The entire Declaration of Interdependence is too long to be quoted in full in this column. Some of its highlights: it creates a world-wide system of economics, currency and government under a world government which will regulate all human activity. The declaration opens with this statement: "Two centuries ago our forefathers brought forth a new nation; now we must join with others to bring forth a new world order."

Its statement of purpose: "To establish a new world order of compassion, peace, justice and security, it is essential that mankind free itself from the limitations of national prejudice, and acknowledge that the forces that unite are incomparably deeper than those that divide it—that all people are part of one global community, dependent on one body of resources, bound together by the ties of a common humanity and associated in a common adventure on the planet Earth."

The Declaration of Interdependence goes on to accuse the rich of exploiting the poor. It condemns the private owners of big business in America for oppressing the poor. A formal call has been made for adopting the declaration on July 4, 1976, the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The One World movement, which has been around for 40 years, surfaced recently with this declaration and it was quickly and without fanfare voted out of the House Rules Committee on March 9 and rushed to the floor for a vote 2 days later. The entire operation took less than a week! This movement is also known as Atlantic Union. Speaker Carl Albert, a One World advocate, has called the Atlantic Union Resolution (HJR 606) to the floor for a vote during the week of March 29.

Every president since Dwight Eisenhower has supported the One World government concept incorporated in the Atlantic Union movement. As far back as Feb. 17, 1947, One World advocate Prof. Milton Mayer, of the University of Chicago in a speech at Syracuse, NY said: "We must haul down the American flag... haul it down, stamp on it and spit on it." The United World Federalists are for it. The World Association of Parliamentarians for World Government, London, is for it. Also the World Federalists of Canada, The United Nations, The World Constitution and Parliament Association, based in Denver; the City of Minneapolis, which on March 5, 1968 declared the local constituency "citizens of the world;" The villages of Richfield, Ohio, took similar action on Sept. 4, 1970, as did San Pedro, CA.; The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL-CIO; The Ford Foundation through its "think tank" at Santa Barbara in 1965; The California Republican Party in 1948; James P. Warburg, a leader in the United World Federalists, who was quoted in the American Jewish Committee's magazine, "Commentary," on Feb. 17, 1950, as telling the U.S. Senate: "We shall have world government, whether or not we like it. The only question is whether world government will be achieved by conquest or consent."

Another group, Congress of World Unity, a One World organization, will hold its annual congress in Philadelphia for the Bicentennial celebration on July 4, 1976. The CWU even talked Pennsylvania Gov. Milton Shapp into appropriating \$77,000 of Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania funds to bring the congress there, and another \$166,000 to send 2 priests all over the world extending personal invitations to delegates to the congress. Some of the plans for the One World congress have been made by Dr. Linus C. Pauling, whom the CWU sent to Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, to begin planning the agenda for the 1976 congress—to be held, coincidentally, of course, in Philadelphia in July, 1976! Dr. Pauling is a Nobel Peace Prize winner, a biochemist at the University of California, Berkeley.

It will be interesting to see whether our Congress will actually destroy the American form of government in the debates this week. But with at least 124 of them already committed to the Declaration of Interdependence—a giant step forward on the way to global government—the changes appear better than even that the U.S. Congress will opt for global government. Happy Bicentennial.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Board of Directors of the Morrow County Historical Society held their quarterly meeting at the W.W. Weatherford home, March 29, 8 p.m. Materials for markers for unmarked outlying graves have been ordered. Anyone knowing any information about any early graves is asked to contact Barton Clark, Heppner or Bryce Keene, lone, as little is known about some of the grave locations.

Winner of the decal design contest was Craig Hams, lone. The decal contest was submitted to the elementary schools of the county and many good designs were received. The design has been sent to a printer and it is hoped to have the decals for sale by Memorial Day.

Oscar Peterson was a guest at the meeting and presented his idea for marking the site of the Fairview School District in his neighborhood and where he attended school. As most of these old rural school buildings are no longer standing it is hoped others will in some way mark the school sites of other school districts.

There are a number of things and places in the county of a historical value that should be marked and protected. To do these things will require the help of many persons and of course, money. Plans are underway for a fund raising day in late summer. Persons willing to help should contact Delpha Jones, Lexington.

FIRE DRILL

A fire drill is planned Sunday April 11 at 1 p.m.



"Now That We Know WHO You Are... What Are The Chances Of Finding Out WHAT You Are?"

The mail pouch

EDITOR:

As a former Heppnerite, I am sending a couple of clippings from the Salem Statesman relative to George Corwin, Superintendent of Schools in Heppner in the middle Forties.

It will be of interest to the many friends of the Corwins in Morrow County. As the clippings indicate, George has done an outstanding job and those for whom he worked and the many who participated with him are most appreciative.

It was my privilege at two different times, 1936-37 and 1948-51 to work and live in Heppner and we have many fond memories of Morrow County and its fine citizens. In fact, many people who have worked in the valley, remember Heppner that way and in a sense work for "The Heppner Chamber of Commerce as boosters."

HENRY E. TETZ
(former supt. in Heppner and Morrow County)

CORWIN PUT PRE-RETIREMENT TRAINING TO SALEM'S USE

George Corwin received a special recognition Monday night for practicing what he has been preaching in Salem the past six years—that community service can be fun and rewarding in the retirement years.

When George and Juliet Corwin decided to move to Salem in 1970, upon his retirement as school superintendent in the Winston-Dillard area, the city should have welcomed them with a brass band. We didn't know what prizes we were getting.

A year before his retirement, George had been so concerned about what he would do with his life after he had to give up his responsibility as school superintendent, he took a six-week course in pre-retirement training at University of Oregon.

The upshot was a decision to come to Salem and to get involved in the community.

Juliet had been a member of the Douglas County Library Board. She had toured the state, under a federal grant, as a library board trustee coordinator. She had served on American Library Association committees. She transferred her expertise to the Salem Friends of the Library as the start of her varied community activities here.

The Corwins were not strangers to the mid-Valley. He was school superintendent at Monmouth-Independence from 1947 to 1951, at the time of that area's school consolidation.

But he had been too busy in his 41-year career in education to become involved in community service.

His leadership of the successful Salem mass transit levy drive earlier this month is only the most recent of his many efforts on behalf of the city.

A former president of Salem Area Seniors, he is constantly prodding his fellow retirees to get involved. "The waste of manpower is shameful," he says. "I go out on the golf course and meet people who are sick and tired of golf. They don't know what to do with their lives."

George Corwin knows, and he has instituted mini-courses in pre-retirement training at the YMCA as a means of telling others. He will continue to espouse this cause.

He became the first recipient of the Willard C. Marshall award Monday night, honoring the Citizen Volunteer of the Year. The occasion drew over 200 members of city boards and commissions to the Council Chamber for a special reception. It was a warm and friendly occasion where people who have worked together for years in community service had an opportunity to spend an hour in informal fellowship.

The daughter of former Mayor Marshall, Mrs. Martha Sorensen, not only honored her father by instituting the award, she has helped establish a worthwhile annual event.

(The Oregon Statesman, March 24, 1976)

EDITOR:

I have about decided I've seen it all, when a "Pet Rock" is taken from a flower bed.

The rock is about two thirds the size of a football and a bit large for a small boy to throw very far.

The rock is sort of egg shaped, white with gray markings. I'm sure it bothered no one not even barking at night. This is all very silly I'm sure, but whenever a "Pet Rock" strays off it's past being funny. The "Pet Rock" business is a joke to me but the pretty rock is gone; with help. And I hope whoever took it gets enjoyment from it.

MARTHA VAN SCHOIACK

EDITOR:

In all my years on earth (70 plus) I've never been so flabber-gasted, so non-plussed, so overwhelmed, under-and-side-winded-whelmed as when I started to read your April 1, 1976 edition.

During those 70 plus years I've narrowly missed seeing the Grand Canyon. I went from California to Buffalo, NY and escaped the Niagara Falls. I visited New York City without seeing the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building (even from a distance) and I think I may say without fear of successful contradiction that your paper was a dandy idea! Please no more than one time in 10 years! I'm not sure I'd survive another.

HARLAND BURBANK
The Trivia Press, Oakland, CA.

EDITOR:

On a recent trip south through Nevada, we spent the night in the Church Hill Fork, south of Reno. Upon arising in the morning we looked over the desert valley toward Yerington, a distance of about 20 miles and on this bright day the valley was filled with fog, with a tall chimney sticking through the fog.

We drove down into the fog and proceeded at about 10 miles per hour with the lights on, for about 18 miles. We wondered what was causing the fog when we came to a small lake with a generating plant. The fog was apparently the result of the cooling of the plant.

If this is often true of these plants, I am wondering what the effect will be on our airport and the necessary spraying of our crops.

O.W. CUTSFORTH

Budget

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Our total levy will be \$1,345,259. Based on this year's true cash value, that would require a levy of \$1.79 on the general fund. This would be an increase from the \$1.64 for \$1,000 TCV over the current year. If you owned a home valued at \$28,000, you would have paid taxes of \$45.64 for this year. The cost for next year would increase by \$4.48, so the total taxes to be collected on a \$28,000 home for next year would be \$50.12.

In addition to the figures I have listed for the general fund, we have a bond debt levy that will be approximately 30 cents for \$1,000 TCV.

Now, the figures I have quoted are based on the TCV of the district remaining the same for next year. We have every reason to believe that there will be at least a 10 per cent increase in district true cash value, and quite possibly as much as a 20 per cent increase. Using the lower figure of the 10 per cent increase in true cash value, our levy then for next year would be exactly the same for the general fund levy and would be less on the bond debt fund.

On that basis I think it is safe to say that BMCC's levy for \$1,000 TCV will actually be less for next year. This, of course, could vary depending on individual reappraisals. However, it is believed that without reappraisal of existing property, that new business, industry and agriculture developments will account for almost a 10 per cent increase.

Our current levy is \$1.63 per \$1,000 TCV and the ballot figure for next year will be listed at \$1.68—a 5 cent per \$1,000 increase. However, this year's ballot contained the figure of \$1.86 per \$1,000, and the actual levy ended up being \$1.63. So, you can see we are conservative in our estimates and try to make sure we carry a larger figure on the ballot than will actually be needed.

The budget that we are presenting to the public has been reached only after many hours of deliberations, and after we had reduced everything that we felt could be reduced without substantially affecting the kind of programs and services that are currently being provided by Blue Mountain Community College.

If this budget is rejected by the voters at the election of April 20, very frankly, I do not know where we would begin to make additional budget reductions.

I can say that if we were to make reductions of any amounts, it would have to come from the elimination of programs and personnel.

An interesting sidelight regarding our budget is that we would have to make a tax levy reduction of \$45,000 to reduce the levy by 5 cents per \$1,000 of true cash value.

Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

As we go deeper in this year of America's 200th birthday, the past, present and future are building up speed for a three-way wreck that will crackle across the face of the land like summer lightning. Everwhere you turn, Mister Editor, you see new ways to sell and tell what this country was, is and will be.

The present and future is in the hands of folks running for office. Them that's in and want to stay in are telling how good it is and how much better it's going to be. And them that's out and wants in are talking about how terrible it is and how great it's going to be. If it weren't for the column writers, we might git the idea that all we got to do is vote for somebody and our troubles are over. But the more I hear from politicians the more I agree with whoever said a good newspaper is to politics what a barking dog is to a chicken thief. The papers at least let us know that if we're going to pick these roses that's running fer office we got to watch out fer thorns. Claiming to remake the world in their image is the nature of politicians, and thorns is the nature of rose bushes.

The fellers at the country store Saturday night got to talking about all the President primaries and about how the more our way of government changes the more it stays the same. Clem Webster said he was glad to see his Democrats git the field of candidates cut down to where we got as many voters than we have begging fer votes, and Clem said he hoped the fellers left now can start talking issues. Republican Ed Doolittle come back with equal time, and he allowed that while the Democrats was whittling theirselves away the Republicans was clearing the decks of party difference to steer the ship of state a true course through another four years.

It was Josh Clodhopper that put a stop to that talk. He said Ed and Clem had been watching to many TV interviews, and that their words reminded him of a report out of a two-day conference on international problems held recent in the state capital by young people. One delegate lamented to a reporter that "it's hard to change the world in a weekend, we need at least two weeks." Josh said politicians Ed and Clem would need at least a month of Saturday nights to git the country straightened out.

As fer the past, Mister Editor, we got more history experts right now than politicians. Every church, school, club, town, county and family tree is being wrote up, and most of em is being set to music. I saw where there'll be at least 10,000 pageants at all levels put on as part of the bicentennial, and I would add that enough trees will be planted so you won't have to worry about newsprint fer another generation.

And after hearing what is and will be, it'll be a relief to be reminded that everthing that ever was was wonderful, and that ever ancestor was a dedicated American that give his life to make this country great. History shore can accent the positive.

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY.

Christian Religion Today

By Rev. Edwin Sikes

James 1:27 "Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

We hear a lot about religion today and many religious leaders are denouncing religion, insisting we have too much religion and not enough Christianity. I am a firm believer in religion, but it must be Bible based, Christ centered and directed by the Holy Spirit.

Too many are rejecting religion and Christianity because they are seeking something that will satisfy them and their desires. However, man is the sinner and Christianity is God's answer to this problem of sin. God is the one sinned against and He is the one who dictates the terms of pardon. The sinner has no alternative but to comply therewith if he is to obtain forgiveness.

The Christian religion today is a: RELIGION OF FAITH. Faith is defined as the "assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen." Heb. 11:1. Faith is essential in everything we do. Note Heb. 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him."

A strong faith in God and His Son Jesus will make religion something special, it will no longer be a dull lifeless thing, but exciting and vivacious.

The Christian religion for today is at: RELIGION OF FREEDOM. Paul said in Gal. 5:1 "For freedom did Christ set us free." Christ brings real freedom to all men. In Christ we have: freedom to worship the Father in spirit and in truth; freedom from all the sins of the past for "if therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Jno. 8:36. (Only Christ can forgive sin); and freedom from eternal death which is the end of a life in sin.

The Christian religion for today is also a: RELIGION OF SERVICE. Far too many try to avoid Christian service and then wonder why they do not get anything out of their religion. Jesus said, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Matt. 23:11.

When we stand before Jesus on that Great Judgement Day, we shall be judged by the service we render and we must remember that He said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even the least, ye did it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

Christianity is a religion of service. Even Jesus said that he came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Matt. 20:28. If your religion becomes dull and mediocre, enter into unselfish service to Christ and you will find that your religion will become alive and meaningful.

The Christian religion for today is also a: RELIGION OF OBEDIENCE. Obedience is one thing that God demands from his followers. He said in I Sam. 15:22 "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." Even Jesus was obedient to God at all times, yes, "even unto death, yea, the death of the cross." Phil. 2:8. In like manner, we also must be obedient to God if we are to have our sins forgiven and have the hope of eternal life. He requires that we believe upon Him (Mark 16:16) enough to repent (Acts 3:19) of our sins, confess His name before men (Matt. 10:32), be buried with Him in baptism for the remission of our sin (Acts 2:38) and then live for Him and serve Him the rest of our life (Titus, 2:12).

This is the Christian religion for our modern day. You are invited and challenged to try and live it.

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