

# Menace of Communism Stressed by Banwell

The following address on communism was delivered before the Lions club, March 11, by A. H. Banwell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce:

(Continued from Thursday)  
While communist propaganda has found it difficult to penetrate the army and navy of the United States, propaganda newspapers known as the "Soldiers Voice," "Shipmates Voice," and "Navy-Yard Worker" have been circulated to members of the two forces. During a review of the fleet in June, 1934, leaflets were distributed to the sailors entitled, "The Fleet Arrives. Why This Great Naval Show?"

Of course we know the average American is opposed to communism but we doubt very much if the average American knows the rapid strides that communism is making in this country. Perhaps we are all too busy to worry about such matters. This may be true, but nevertheless communism is gaining and at the present time, is through the medium of its various newspapers making some rather definite statements which vitally concern every American citizen.

Here is a statement quoted from the "Western Worker" of April 8, 1935: "The Tory prosecution and American thugs and frame-up machinery that support it are boasting too soon about the suppression of the communist party. The communist party will not be suppressed." Here is another taken from "The Communist," page 118, February, 1935: "The communists and other advanced workers must develop a wide strike movement, fighting on the basis of trade union democracy, for the leadership of the struggle."

Here is one taken from the "Young Worker," March 26, 1935. It says, "Don't be fooled by sweet words. Fight against Roosevelt's war preparations. Defend the Soviet Union." Here is one from the "Water Front Worker," April 1st, 1935: "This is America, where a few gutless, swab-faced, big-bellied, capitalist and their henchmen have brought to the very brink of disaster, ruin, misery, and starvation for the laboring people."

A recent manifesto of the communist party stated, "The theory of the communists may be summed up in a single sentence: The abolition of private property." The "Western Worker," of April 15, 1935, stated, "And so in the end, all the scattered blood of the working class martyrs spilled in these struggles will come together in a mighty flood to turn this whole world red."

The "Young Worker," of April 9, 1935, made the following statement, "The working class mother speaks to her son as follows: 'My son, they will put a gun in your hands and teach you how to shoot. Learn your lesson well. When the time comes to use that gun, remember, you are the son of a worker, you belong to the working class. Use that gun, not against your fellow workers in foreign uniforms, but against the exploiters who have put it into your hands. Use it not to destroy the youth of another country, but the ruling class of your own.'"

One thing I would like you to remember, with regard to these statements is the fact that they were printed in the United States of America by communistic organizations here.

Now here is the question that is facing us today and one which we cannot as American citizens afford to neglect. What are you and I going to do to preserve and defend that heritage which has been given us through the sacrifices, courage, and determination of those who went before in face of all this communistic propaganda that is being literally peddled to our illiterate today?

As I have said before the ideal and principles upon which this nation was built and has prospered are seriously threatened by those who would seek to overthrow our government and substitute in its place a communistic form of government. Can we sit idly by and let those who encourage the fomenting of industrial unrest, sabotage and the provoking of general strikes take the leadership after all that has been sacrificed in years gone by to make this a land of the free for Americans? Citizens who have a love and respect for their country—citizens who have any spark of patriotism in their blood, should do everything possible to stamp out this curse which is in fact gaining ground—this curse which is a direct challenge to our American liberty. Communism is not just another topic for us to discuss in our daily walks of life. It is a real thing and the most vicious enemy which confronts America today. Read some communistic literature and see for yourself if you do not think we are justified in asserting our patriotism to combat this foe of American society.

May I remind you that this is a God-fearing Christian nation. America would never have been what it is today had it not been for the recognition of its dependence upon a Supreme Being. Communism is atheism and the future of our children at least should be sufficient reason that we concern ourselves with a subversive activity that would take away from us that trust in God which we have always cherished and without which we could not long survive.

You and I cannot afford to forget the sacrifices of the pioneers in years gone by who made this country what it is today. We cannot afford to forget the principles and ideals which prompted our forefathers to fight for the cause of humanity in order that Americans shall be guaranteed individual liberties and independence. Therefore, you and I cannot afford to belittle those subversive activities which threaten that American liberty and would destroy everything which has been gained through the sacrifices of the past.

We in this section are particularly favored with a wonderful pioneer background which to my way of thinking should be an inspiration to us, to fight against anything which is un-American in principle. Gus Anderson, the well known lecturer on Russia, when a visitor in Medford a few weeks ago, told me that not one dime of Russian money was being spent in the United States to promote communism, although perhaps certain American organizations are known to be affiliated with Russian societies.

I care not whether communism is being financed in America or with Russian money. We should stamp it out and if, as Gus Anderson says, it is only an American idea then let's see that our government gets after the leaders in a real way. It would seem to me that each of us, as individuals, and in our several clubs and organizations, such as this Lions club, should bend every effort to see that a curb is placed on subversive activities and that the leaders are

permanently muzzled, at least as far as talking in America is concerned. I have been told that communism is rampant on the campus in many of our colleges and universities. I have never mentioned this as a fact or even insinuated it before today, but some time ago I was asked to address a certain school of higher learning in this state. At that time I injected communism into the talk. A few days afterward I received the following letter. I will not mention the college because I feel that the perverted mind that penned this letter was an exception to the rule and does not represent the type of student which attends the institution. Here is what he said. I said "No" because, although the letter was not signed, cowards never sign a letter. I had it traced in a quiet way, and it came from a person of masculine gender:

"Dear Sir: I was not among those who walked out during your address, but I heard plenty of comments from various students that your remarks were an insult to their intelligence. Your misrepresentations were so obvious to anyone informed on the subject you were discussing, as for instance the increased productivity of Russia under the communistic regime. Your assumption that the industrial chaos of this country is produced by communistic propaganda is too silly to be funny. Any student of average intelligence knows that the economic mess we are in is due to three main causes (1) Mechanical displacement of hand labor, causing unemployment; (2) Private ownership of public utilities, causing profiteering, graft, hoarding; (3) Commercial competition, causing scarcity of commodities, high prices, starvation of millions and war. You may be able to fool a lot of old fogies, but youth is not so easily taken in. Besides, the more you talk the less conviction your utterances carry, so why be futile? And that boy who is so proud of modern youth may one of these days

be teaching my children in some school. In closing I believe that communism in America is something which should be given considerable attention by every business man. I am not an alarmist and am not afraid to speak my mind to anyone, but too many of us are really not giving this subject sufficient consideration. Clubs like yours can do a great deal in stamping out this menace and you can make your influence so felt in Medford that no such activity can make any headway here. And remember, it is not only in time of war that Americans should be prepared to fight for their country, but in times of peace we should make our patriotism felt also.

## High School News by STUDENT REPORTERS

By Mignon Phipps.  
An unusual assembly was presented by the French club, March 11. A foreign atmosphere added a pleasant touch to the scene. Songs in the native tongue and a play, part in English and part in French, were interesting features on the program. Explanations were given in English by Carolyn Hill. The leading characters in the play were: Dorothy Bucher, Maxine Christen, Betty Paake, Don Gray, Kay Nakagiri, Phil Todd and Kenneth Patton. A musical skit, "Paris in the Spring," with Mary Anne Gates and Jack Denison delighted the audience. The singing of the French national anthem, "The Marseillaise," concluded the program. The French club is one of the new school organizations which is taking active part in all student activities. It is composed of 38 students of French from the first and second year classes. The officers are: President, Naoko Saito; vice-president, Velma Shelley; secretary-treasurer, Frances Daly. The committee in charge of the

assembly program was Mignon Phipps, chairman; Frances Daly and Edith Hodgkins.

## GERMANS IN TURKEY CALLED TO COLORS

ISTANBUL, Turkey, March 13.—(AP)—German consulates in Turkey ordered German subjects belonging to the classes of 1914 to 1917 today to report immediately for military service at the consulates' expense.

All other Germans were directed to be ready to report at a moment's notice.

PENDLETON, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The stage and screen don't have all the fancy ropers. Frank Cole, ranch employe near here, lassoed a coyote, one of the most elusive of Oregon animals.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Disagreement of the jury ended the

trial of the \$112,000 damage action brought by Minnie B. and Harry La Bare against the Union Lumber Co. Plaintiffs alleged the destruction of the La Bare hotel near Estacada in 1929 was due to negligence on the part of the defendant in failing to control a fire.

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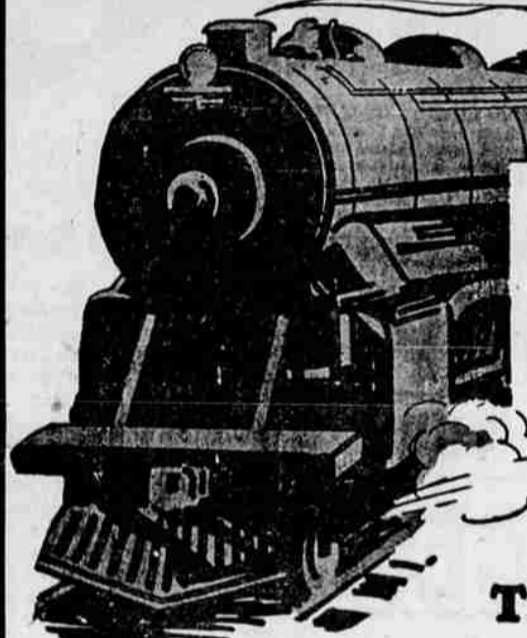
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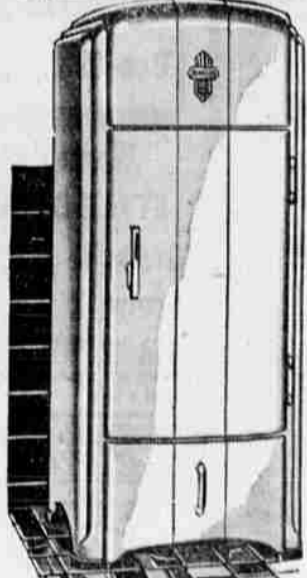
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