Movie Moguls Lash Back At Solon's Charges Of Depravtion Of Morals

Hollywood, Mar. 15 — (U.P.) — Movie bigwigs lashed back today at a senator's charges that Hollywood is "depraving" American morals.

The Motion Picture Association of America denounced demands by Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) for licensing controls on the industry as "a police state bill."

And the motion picture industry council called Johnson's attack "unreasonable."

Romances Denounced

"In the past, unfortunately there have been congressmen and senators who have brought discredit and shame to the highbody of the government in the world," an MPIC statement said, "but it would be reckless to attack the congress for the actions of a few."

Johnson, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, yesterday in a senate speech denounced the recent romances of Movie Stars Ingrid Bergman and Rita Hayworth, calling the two "Hollywood's apostles of degradation."

He said his committe would begin hearings about April 15 on the serious moral questions raised by movieland's lurid headlines. The senator said Eric Johnston, "czar" of the motion picture industry, would be invited to testify.

Hollywood does not need a certificate of character from anyone," said the MPAA. "Hollywood, like every other country, has its share—but no more than its share—of people who violate the moral code."

MPIC Chairman Roy Brewer and Public Relations Committee Chairman Dore Schary said any licensing of motion pictures "would be a violation of deep and well-rooted American principles and would be the first step toward totalitarianism."

Johnson accused RKO pictures and Roberto Rossellini of setting "an all-time low in shameless exploitation" of Miss Bergman's latest film, "Stromboli." He called the Italian film director "vile and unspeakable," and called Miss Bergman a "common mistress."

RKO studio here quickly answered Johnson's broadside with a terse statement:

"There is plenty of censorship in the United States today and even the most severe censors have approved 'Stromboli.' They have seen fit to judge it on (its) contents, not on the private lives of the artists associated with it."

Accordion Instructor Joins Purucker Store

Fred J. Divisek, accordion player and instructor, formerly of Chicago and San Francisco, is now associated with Purucker Piano house here and will be at the establishment at 111 North Central avenue daily for those interested in instruction, it was reported today.

Divesek will be presented on radio station KMED on Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. and Friday at 7 pm. in 15 minute programs.

Purucker Piano house has announced an accordion contest with no age limit and no charge for lessons. The winner will receive a $100 accordion.

Deadline Saturday In Contest Voting

Saturday midnight is the deadline for ballots to be cast in the amateur entertainers contest being sponsored by radio station KYJC in connection with the Portland appearance next month of the "Original Amateur Hour."

Two auditions and two subsequent radio broadcasts have been conducted here in recent weeks, which will result in the selection of amateur winners for a final local broadcast next week. At that time the top three entertainers will be selected by popular vote.

Grand prize winner will be sent to Portland to appear on a broadcast over station KEX, and if successful at that time, to be a guest of the nation-wide amateur hour broadcast in April. Cash prizes also will be awarded to the top three contestants.

Votes for those who competed in last night's broadcast may be mailed directly to KYJC, or left at McLain's Drug centre, on North Central avenue.

Astoria, Ore., Mar. 15—(U.P.)—The commercial trolling season for Chinook salmon opens at noon today and extends until October 31, Victor Jackson, fish warden, announced here.

Quake Provisions In Building Code Urged In Northwest

Seattle, Mar. 15—(U.P.)—To reduce earthquake hazards, all Pacific northwest cities should add mandatory earthquake-protection provisions to their building codes.

This was the recommendation made today by joint action of the engineering and technical societies of the northwest as the first phase of an earthquake report to the associations of Washington cities.

Result Of Study

The report was the result of 10 months study by various groups and technical organizations under the guidance of the Pacific northwest conference of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

In recommending the building code revisions, the report added:

"Earthquakes are normal, natural phenomena of this region, to be expected to occur from time to time with equal or greater severity than those on record."

The report urged member cities of the association to adopt provisions of the uniform building code of the Pacific coast building officials conference, 1949 edition, covering new construction only.

Teacher Accused Of Molesting Students

Eufala, Okla., Mar. 15—(U.P.)—School Teacher W. E. Dickey faced trial today on charges that he made a practice of snapping the elastic on girl students' panties.

McIntosh County Attorney Jimmie Whitely said he was determined to prosecute Dickey even though several citizens had come to the courthouse to protest against the charges.

Whitely said Dickey's supporters had told him that he was "quite popular" among students.

Dickey has pleaded innocent to the misdemeanor charge that he "placed hands" on the girl students in a "lascivious manner." He is free on $1,000 bond.

Whitely said he would ask the state board of education to fire Dickey if the Eufala board refused to suspend him.

Husband Embalmed While Still Alive Woman Asserts In $200,000 Lawsuit

Quincy, Cal., Mar. 15—(U.P.)—Mrs. Calhoun L. Huber of Los Angeles accused two Plumas county officials today of causing the embalming of her husband while he was still alive.

In a $200,000 damage claim filed with the county board of supervisors, Mrs. Huber also charged that facts in the case "were fraudulently and maliciously concealed to prevent bringing a cause of action."

Said Not Examined

Named in the claim were Coroner M. H. Schooler and Deputy Coroner John F. Moody. The widow claimed that her husband, Edward J. Huber, was taken to Moody's funeral home in Quincy on Schooler's instructions.

Her husband, she declared, was not examined by a physician and no attempt was made to revive him.

Huber was reported dead from an apparent heart attack by fellow workers at a construction camp near Belden, Cal., on Jan. 11, 1949.

Mrs. Huber charged that her husband was taken to the funeral home and embalmed without permission from any local health office. The cause of death was given as "coronary occlusion" by Moody without any actual knowledge as to the cause of death, she added.

She said she was not notified and her wishes were not consulted.

Overcharge Claimed

In addition, she was charged $175 for embalming services when by statute the amount to be paid is only $15, she said.

"It is believed," Mrs. Huber asserted, "the death of my husband was caused by the negligent, careless and unlawful action of Moody as deputy coroner."

The widow said when she learned her husband received no examination, she suffered "mental anguish, shock and physical suffering" for which she is asking damages.

The county recorders' office said the death certificate on file there shows no physician's signature and gives the cause of death as "coronary occlusion." It is signed by Moody.

District Attorney Frank H. McAuliffe said he will advise the board to disallow the claim on the basis of time element and the facts contained in the claim. He did not make further comment.

Rehabilitation, Land Program For Colleges Studied

Portland, Ore., Mar. 15—(U.P.)—A rehabilitation and land purchase program for all campuses under control of the Oregon state board of higher education today was in the hands of the board's finance committee.

The program, presented to the committee yesterday by Secretary Charles D. Burn, calls for an expenditure of approximately $217,605.

SOC To Get $11,500

Of the total, $171,105 is for rehabilitation of buildings. A breakdown provides for spending $60,000 at University of Oregon; $47,755 at Oregon State college; $31,150 at University of Oregon medical school; $11,500 at Southern Oregon college; $6500 at Eastern Oregon College of Education; $7000 at Oregon College of Education, and $7000 for the extension division.

Land purchase funds will be divided as follows: Oregon State, $25,500; Oregon College of Education, $10,000, and Southern Oregon college, $11,000.

Resignation Accepted

The board accepted resignation of Phil Metschan of Portland from the Oregon State college memorial union board. George F. Chambers of Salem was named to succeed him.

Gifts amounting to $26,683 also were accepted by the board. The University of Oregon will get $6273; Oregon State, $3477; medical school, $15,068. A total of $1865 was earmarked for 18 scholarships at Southern Oregon college. The scholarships were gifts of the Grants Pass and Ashland Kikanis clubs, the Ashland Lions club, Soroptimist club, Elks club and Lincoln Parent-Teachers association.

Stockmen Talk Range Care With Foresters

Members of the Elk Creek and Trail Creek Stockmen's association met yesterday with forest service officials at the Upper Rogue Grange hall for a discussion of range reseeding and improvements, unregulated and trespass grazing by horses and goats, and other problems concerning grazing permittees cooperating with the forest service and the bureau of land management.

The stockmen learned that reseeding projects have achieved excellent results in most areas with alta fescue, tall oat grass, orchard grass, timothy, perennial rye grass, local birsdfoot trefoil, and other grasses and legumes.

Play Selected For Senior Class Group

"The Importance of Being Earnest," a comedy by Oscar Wilde, has been chosen as this year's senior class play at the Medford high school. There will be two performances, March 23 and 24, with curtain time both days at 8 p.m.

Robert Stedman, dramatics coach at the school, will direct the production, assisted by student director, Betty Acker. Stage manager is Martin Johnson and Loyd Dyer is business manager.

The cast of the period comedy includes Barbara Burns, George Weir, Douglas Griffith, Sybil Olde, Donna Mack, Bob Gilman, Lloyd Bishop, Douglas Brannock, and Joan Burke.

Battle Creek, Mich. (U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Warsop, following a fire truck going to a fire, arrived at the fire and their home at the same time. The blaze destroyed all their possessions in their trailer house.

Clear Creek Annie Is Within Rights, Attorney Claims

Denver, Colo., Mar. 15—(U.P.) "Clear Creek Annie" is perfectly within her legal rights by refusing to move out of her mountain shanty to let the highway department build a road, Colorado Attorney General John W. Metzger said today.

The grey-haired woman, whose real name is Mrs. Annie Davis, has squatter's rights on a 100-foot strip of land near Blackhawk, Colo. The land lies directly in the path of a $3,500,000 highway.

Work Halted

Work on the road was halted when Annie refused to sell out. She even had a court order giving her the right to remain on the property for another 45 days.

And just to discourage any further talk on the matter, she brandished a double-barreled shotgun.

Metzger blamed the "usual highway department bungling" for the whole situation.

He said the department awarded contracts for work on the new road without first getting complete possession of the highway right-of-way.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Table Rock

Table Rock, Mar. 15—Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hamilton who have been living in one of the houses at the Table Rock orchard moved to the Phoenix district last Saturday.

Sheriff Howard Gault and family of the Lone Pine district were visiting friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald West and two small children of Myrtle Creek spent the week-end here at the Lloyd Vanderpool home.

Ross Kline who was reported to be seriously ill a while back is much improved in health and is frequently seen in our community where he is supervising farm work on the TouVelle ranch.

The dog catcher was through here Tuesday and it is said he surprised some of the local canines who were minus their collars and tags.

The J. R. Shope family has moved from the house on the west side of the creek known by old timers as the Conner house to the house recently vacated by the Henry Wilson family. Both houses are part of the Leverette holdings where Shope is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Draheim of Rochester, Minn., arrived here Wednesday and are visiting for a few days at the E. R. Hull home. Mrs. Draheim is a sister of Mrs. Hull.

Mrs. Pearl Brown of Fortuna, Cal., Lewis Chappel of Arcadia, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bremner of Berkeley, Cal., were recent visitors here with relatives at the Everett Brown home. They were here to attend the funeral of the late Susan Brown held Monday in Medford.

Sunday visitors here at R. W. Sage home were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbertson and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sage, all of Medford and Steve Wilson of Trail.

The birthday party held Friday night at the school house was largely attended by young people from Table Rock and Central Point. The entertainment consisted of moving pictures, recordings and some made locally, dancing and music. Refreshments were served at the conclusion. Next meeting of Table Rock Community club has been postponed until Friday, March 24. A feature of the entertainment will be a black face play being prepared by the program committee with six persons taking part. The refreshment committee is asking that each family bring one half dozen handwiches.

NG TRIBE NUMEROUS

San Francisco (U.P.) — There 73 San Francisco residents named Ng listed in the telephone directory, starting with Albert L. Ng, ending with Wilbert Ng and including Bessie Ng, Pearl Ng, Ng Bing Quon and Ng Gum Sing. Most of them live in Chinatown.

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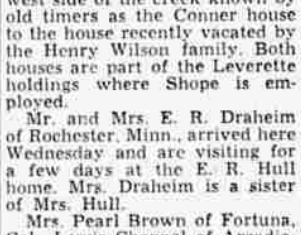

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