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Repeal Emergency Prohibition

No one can deny that the state faces a real emergency in the field of taxes and finance.
But also no one to date has come up with any solution, that can meet the emergency, when it should be—which is as soon as the proper legislation can be passed.

FOR there is practically no doubt, that whatever the final decision, the measure will be held up and rendered null and void by five per cent of the voters invoking the referendum.

This adds up, not to majority rule which is the corner-stone of democracy, but rule by a minority, and a very small one at that.

HOWEVER the emergency clause can't be used, of course, until the constitutional provision against such action regarding taxation measures is repealed.

The Medford Chamber of Commerce urges such a repeal, and we agree. That action should be taken, but unfortunately there seems to be no way such a repeal can be accomplished in time to affect this sessions legislation.

Which is unfortunate. For a genuine emergency does exist, and yet there appears very slight hope that any satisfactory taxation measure can or will be devised that FIVE PER CENT OF THE VOTERS won't hold up for over a year at least by invoking the referendum.

THIS adds up to an all around mess.

However, better late than never. Oregon should as soon as it can be done, follow the leadership of most other states, and allow emergency law action when a GENUINE emergency exists whether it relates to taxation or any other problem facing the people of the state.—R.W.R.

Why Not?

Speaking of taxes,—“people are funny” about them.

We know a taxpayer, for example, who cheerfully pays \$5000 for a new automobile, and never bats an eye.

But, if and when he has to pay \$5000 for taxes, he cries to high heaven and curses out the wasteful and profligate government, responsible for the “outrage.”

THERE'S a reason.

He sees what he buys when he gets a new motor car. He likes it or he wouldn't buy it. He swells up a trifle perhaps with pride when he sees himself driving it, down the avenue. He gets value received, or thinks he does.

But, when he gets his tax bill,—that's all he gets. Just a piece of paper.

He doesn't see what he has to pay for. There is no value received visible. He doesn't SEE the fire and police protection he gets, the nice highways and paved streets to his front door; nor what may well be involved in the money he pays out,—the freedom he enjoys and the peace and security of his home and his country. So he raves and rages—ad infinitum.

THEREFORE why not have on every tax bill, local or federal, a list of the benefits received as a result of that payment?

It might not solve the complex tax problem entirely but it certainly should render it less painful.—R.W.R.

Why Not Scatter the Fire?

We have had nothing to say about Joe McCarthy since he went into seclusion — or wherever he is.

But we still get some of the same abusive letters apparently from the same sources, condemning this paper for opposing McCarthyism.

We are flattered, of course, by so much attention for so long a time. Our campaign against McCarthy and McCarthyism must have done some good and hurt those who have fallen for his phoney propaganda or they wouldn't be so persistent, and so continuously vituperative.

BUT why pick on us ONLY?

Why don't the local McCarthyites scatter their ammunition a bit and pick on bigger and better papers which have done more to show up the junior Senator from Wisconsin in his true light and his “rule or ruin” policy than we have been able to do.

Why don't they write insulting letters to the New York Times, for example, the Chicago Sun, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the Washington (D.C.) Post, or why don't they pick on “Time,” or “Harpers,” or a dozen other magazines and newspapers that saw through the demagogic fraud, at the outset and in the interest of TRUE Americanism, have been against him ever since?

MOREOVER, in their insistence upon calling everyone who opposes McCarthy and McCarthyism a Red or fellow-traveller; why don't they apply some of the same epithets to Joe's fellow Senators, who by overwhelming vote censured him and his methods—the same to stand as a condemnation of him and his record in that “greatest deliberative body on earth” for all time?

Or they might even register a protest to President Eisenhower for refusing to include Jumping Joe in his dinner-guest lists.

AS STATED such constant interest and attention is flattering to this department but to divert some of it at least toward more influential circles engaged in the same campaign, would, we are sure, have far greater and more satisfactory results.—R.W.R.



HEART FUND SUPPORT URGED — Twelve-year-old Sandra Hackenberg, Portland, who knows first-hand about the work of the Oregon Heart Association, uses an over-size envelope to demonstrate how simple it is to contribute to the current Heart Fund Campaign. Contributions are mailed to HEART, care of your local post office.

Neutral Nations Supervisory Team May Be on Way Out

By CHARLES MC CANN

United Press Foreign Analyst
The Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission in Korea is about to undergo an important and possibly a decisive test.



Charles McCann

Under the armistice signed on July 27, 1953, the combatants were forbidden to send in reinforcements in men and material. The Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission was set up to investigate complaints of violations of the reinforcement ban.

It consists of delegates of Sweden, Switzerland, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The Swedes and Swiss, who are really neutrals, were nominated by the U.N. The Poles and Czechs, who are Russian stooges, were nominated by the Reds.

Ever since the armistice was signed, the Communists have been violating it. When they complain that the U.N. has violated the armistice, the commission is given full facilities to investigate throughout South Korea. But when the U.N. complains of a Communist violation, the Poles and Czechs block every move the Swiss and Swedes try to make.

What may be the decisive test for the commission resulted from an attack by MIG fighters on a United States reconnaissance plane Feb. 5 over the Yellow Sea, west of Korea. Two of the MIGs were shot down. Formal Complaint
The U.N. made a formal complaint that MIGs were being based in North Korea. After stalling for a week, the Reds gave permission for three UNSC teams to inspect six fields at which MIGs are known to have been based. Undoubtedly the Reds will have to remove all trace of the presence of the MIGs. If they also keep the inspection teams from making a real investigation, the neutral commission may finally be on its way out.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington: Members of the Congress have been asked to submit their favorite inspirational poems to the legislative reference service in the Library of Congress. Idea is publish a little booklet. A lot already have come in. John Howard Payne's “Home Sweet Home,” Edgar Allan Poe's “The Raven” and a lot of things from Longfellow and Keats. But what I want to see are some of the originals by the law givers themselves. You can't tell.



Harman Nichols

Vice-President Nixon and his lovely wife, Pat, got themselves stuck in an elevator in Mexico City. That prompted a manufacturer of elevators in Virginia to drop the V.P. a line. He said he had an elevator which was guaranteed not to stick. Nixon hasn't answered the letter yet. He is un-stuck but un-back from his trip.

It's getting close to tax-paying time, and the internal revenue commissioner has a timely warning for dodgers. He reports that his department has tagged 1417 evaders the past two years.

There are two Kilgores in the Congress, one new and one old. Sen. Harley Martin Kilgore of West Virginia has been around for some time. Rep. Joe M. Kilgore of Texas is pretty new. But what happens?

There is a mixup in laundry, phone calls and mail. Joe had to wait a couple of weeks before he got his household furniture. It was sent to Harley's place. Same thing with laundry and dry cleaning. “Harley's wife and my wife are not the same size,” Joe said.

Piano playing Liberace, he with the candelabra and the air-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Washington the house of representatives approved unanimously the compromise (house-senate conference committee) bill boosting the pay of members of congress to \$23,750 a year—an increase of \$8,750.

“The laborer is worthy of his hire.” (Luk 10:7).

“For the Scripture saith: Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the laborer is worthy of his reward.” (I Timothy 5:18.)

ICHERISH the pious hope that the members of our congress will read and ponder those words from the Scripture — and give heed to them.

It is true that the laborer is worthy of his hire. It is true that one must not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.

When this pay boost bill goes through the remaining formalities and becomes the law of our land, we shall have loosened quite liberally the muzzles that restrain the laborers in our congressional vineyards and grain fields.

It will then be up to them to prove to us that they ARE worthy of their hire.

HOW can the members of congress go about proving that to us?

One way would be for ALL of them to join in BALANCING THE NATIONAL BUDGET, so that our country may be kept solvent and our children may not be saddled with a CRUSHING burden of debt piled upon their shoulders by their spend-thrift elders.

WE ARE now in a period of great national prosperity that appears to be merging into a period of great prosperity throughout the free world. In Great Britain—for many years socialist, but in recent years turning back toward free enterprise—the increase in national prosperity has been so impressive that a month or so ago Britain's fiscal authorities became worried that this rising prosperity might get loose from restraint and result in a runaway boom.

SO—After the British manner—they took steps to nip the swelling inflation.

THE steps included curbs on installment buying (so much down and so much a month in the purchase of consumer goods) and a boost by the Bank of England (the Old Lad of Thread-needle Street) in the interest rate on loans.

The interest rate boost was a rather stiff one. It started on Jan. 27 with an up of one-half of one per cent—for 3½ per cent to 4 per cent. That wasn't sufficient to stop the inflationary rise, so this week the rate was boosted to 4½ per cent.

THE result was a speculators' flurry. Share prices (we call them stock prices) slid off rather sharply in the “City,” which is the London equivalent of what we call Wall Street.

But it didn't last long. Later prices on the London Stock Exchange took a turn upward, and at the close there was “wide-spread buoyancy throughout the market.”

That is to say, the British HAVE CONFIDENCE in their new prosperity.

EVERYONE who has ever balanced a checkbook or met a payroll on time or went into debt to acquire a business and PAID OUT ON IT knows that prosperous times are the times to PAY OFF DEBT and put one's financial house in order.

That goes for GOVERNMENT as well as for private business.

Hal Roach Jr. Buys Studio Assets

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Hal Roach Jr. said today he has purchased from his father the assets of the Hal Roach Studios, estimated to be worth \$10,000,000.

The amount of purchase price was not announced. The younger Roach said his television corporations would be consolidated into the studio properties under a single, newly formed corporation, Hal Roach Enterprises.

The elder Roach began producing movies in 1914 and included some of the industry's top stars on his roster of performers at various times.

State Salary Hearing Scheduled Next Week

Salem — (U.P.) — Hearings on proposed changes in state civil service salary scales, as embodied in the Barrington report, will begin next week.

Charles W. Terry, civil service director for the state, said the hearings are expected to take 30 days. The Barrington report, compiled by Barrington and Associates of New York City, was a study of the state's salaries and job classifications.

Rep. Orval Eaton, chairman of the salary subcommittee of the ways and means committee, said further consideration of the report would not be undertaken until the hearings have ended.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

LETTER TO A PRO-COMMUNIST

Washington—Was the recantation of self-confessed liar Harvey Matusow carefully stage-managed by the Communists?

There are signs that it was. For example, as noted in a previous report on the Matusow turn-about, Cameron and K a h n, the publishing firm which is sponsoring the Matusow confession, has a decidedly pro-Communist coloration. And because it bears on this point, it may be worth reproducing, slightly shortened, a letter from this reporter to Publisher Albert Kahn, written after a telephone conversation some ten days ago:

“Dear Kahn: “When I talked to you on the telephone the other day, you declined to say whether you were a Communist. You said you would take the Fifth Amendment if asked this question by a Congressional committee. And you indicated your true political position in other ways. Accordingly, I think I ought to make my own position clear, in the matter of Harvey Matusow's self-exposure, and the issues which it involves.

“It is fashionable nowadays to say that McCarthyism is the greatest threat to American freedom. This may be so, but the fact remains that McCarthyism owes its existence to American Communism. Communism, moreover, presents a most serious issue to those who respect our liberties, however much this issue, to the delight of the Communists, has been distorted by McCarthy and those who ape him.

The issue is this: Should we grant full political rights to those who owe their first allegiance to a potential enemy? On the telephone you denied that your first allegiance was to the Soviet Union. Maybe so. But as I said on the telephone, only a fool could doubt that the first allegiance of the disciplined, hard-core Communist belongs to Russia and not to his own country. Therefore the issue posed above is a real one, which needs to be answered. To anyone sensible of the American traditions, it is as prickly and difficult an issue as there is.

“ANYONE so sensible, for example, will defend against all comers your right, or anyone else's right, to take the Fifth Amendment. McCarthy's public contempt for this constitutional safeguard is subversive, in the real sense of that word. But this does not mean that it is necessary to admire the motives of those who take the Fifth Amendment.

“When I made this point to you on the telephone, you complained that people who are not Communists, and so swear under oath, are likely to be jailed for perjury. Asked to name one such, you cited your friend Clinton Jencks of the Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers. Now it may be that Jencks was not a formal member of the Communist Party, when he swore that he was not a Communist, to comply with the Taft-Hartley law. And there is also no doubt that Matusow lied about Jencks on the witness stand. But this is no sort of evidence that Jencks has actually changed his true political allegiance.

“And there is a most real and present danger in the control of labor unions by those who owe their allegiance to another country. The danger was greater, to be sure, when the Communists in 1947 and 1948 almost succeeded in seizing control of the C.I.O.—and I am proud that my brother and I played a part in exposing that effort. But the danger is still real.

“This leaves unanswered the question of how to deal with this danger of Communism in a free society, without creating a greater danger. But one thing I am sure of. Nothing plays more into Communist hands than for the government to accept the word of any ex-Communist like Matusow who happens along. In taking at face value the testimony of such a man—and he is not alone—

without a serious attempt to examine his credibility, the Justice Department and the Congressional Committee were inexcusably at fault.

“Your taking the Fifth Amendment will not excuse the fault. Nor, indeed, will the fault be excused if it turns out that the whole Matusow turn-about was carefully planned by the Communists, as I am rather beginning to believe it was. Your Communist friends may think that they have brought off a major coup. But they will be wrong.

“FOR—if only the Congress and the Justice Department have the courage to undertake a serious examination of the new profession of the ex-Communist political informer—Matusow's self-exposure will in the end be good for the political health of the United States. And anything that is good for the political health of the United States is hardly in the long run to the advantage of communism.

“Yours sincerely,”

Perhaps two footnotes to this letter need to be added. First, in all fairness it should be said that Kahn vehemently denies that there was any Communist plot to exploit Matusow. Second, a few days after this letter was written, Kahn did take the Fifth Amendment.

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Communications

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Parks: Speedways!

To the Editor: David Fairchild said: “Progress means the destruction of forests.” Unplanned, short-sighted “progress” destroys other greatly valued and cherished resources; parks, ancient landmarks—even humans. Might we wonder, are we “progressing” too fast, even in urging our “way of life” upon the rest of the world—particularly commercially, militarily?

Are we “progressing” too fast, or are we planning too slowly with parks, speedways, covering acres of our tiny valley's greatly limited best soil with rocks and concrete; coping with sanitary needs, etc. May we be forgiven for mentioning fog banks at times in our valley, and that they do greatly interfere with traffic near the creek, while along the foothills there may be little or no fog, from where non-stop tourists might get an unforgettable glimpse of our beautiful valley?

As population increases might a narrow park be desirable or all the way from Ashland to the Rogue River, when Bear creek might be kept clean?

Arthur Brisbane said, “What man can imagine, man can do.” The Good Book tells us: “Without vision a people perish.” Shall we perish? A moot question.

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Woman Cheated Out of Savings

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland police today were searching for two women who Monday cheated an elderly woman out of savings of \$5400.

The woman, Victoria Chopek, of Portland, said she met the two bunco artists on a downtown street. They induced her to draw the money from the bank and give it to them as “security.”

In return, they said they would share with her a larger sum of money which one of the women said she had “found.” Detectives described the deceit as a version of the “pigeon drop” game.

Matusow Doesn't In Formosa Strait

Washington — (U.P.) — Harvey Matusow, who says he lied as a government witness at Communist trials, was inadvertently addressed by Sen. Herman E. Welker (R-Ida.) Monday as “Mr. Matsu.”

Matsu is an island held by the Chinese Nationalists, where an attack by Communist forces has been considered a possibility.

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