

Oregon Said Gaining Unsavory Publicity From Rackets Hearings

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Washington—One thing is already certain about the affect of the current investigation by the Senate into racketeering—in the past two weeks it has put Oregon on the map in a most unsavory way. Virtually all of the nation's major newspapers, including the staid New York Times, are giving the tale of vice front page treatment. Editorial writers and cartoonists are having a field day depicting the senators as men in Sherlock Holmes garb burrowing into the nests of the nefarious.

The nation's most widely read magazines, especially the picture and news weekly magazines, are relishing the sordid disclosures the committee is making about tieups between racketeers, Oregon law enforcement officials and certain Teamster leaders.

Over the week end, the largest newspaper in the nation's capital, the Washington Post and Times Herald, asked editorially: Why does Oregon appear to be so little concerned?

Said Admirable Job
"The McClellan committee is doing an admirable job of probing into the sordid mess in Portland, and it has ample reason for doing so because of the eminent part the Teamsters Union has played in the drama," the Post said.

"But the Oregon legislature should have a more basic interest in these goings-on than any committee of Congress. Are the authorities at Salem afraid of what they might find? That conclusion is likely to be drawn by an increasing number of people unless Oregon shows a great deal more vigor than it has displayed to date in cleaning up its own house."

On the front page of Saturday's edition of the Post was a big, bold black headline streaming across the top of the page: "Mayor Told of 35 'Joint's'." The day before the other big newspaper in the capital, the Evening Star, had put a bold banner headline on the fact that a Portland night club operator, Nate Zusman, had flunked a lie detector test on the issue of whether he had been in cahoots with a madam who kicked back 20 per cent of the take from customers he referred to her high-brow "call house." And the tabloid Washington Daily News plastered a picture of Zusman taking



"NOT STUPID"— Mayor Terry D. Schunk of Portland, Ore., resumes his testimony before the Senate labor racket committee in Washington. He said he is "not stupid enough" to accept the \$500 bribe he has been accused of taking. He added that he was willing to take a lie detector test on his denial.

Hungary Refugees Earnestly Tackle English Language

St. Louis—(U.P.)—Embarrassed but determined Hungarian refugees have tackled the English language with sheepish grins and dictionaries in the kindergarten atmosphere of a St. Louis school room.

Repeating after a teacher no older than they, the "pupils" chant "she-ees-uh-wo-man-he-ess-uh-man" after studying the words above two stick figures representing a man and woman on the blackboard.

Or they repeat the alphabet again and again, struggling to give it the American sound rather than the European "ah" for "A" and "bay" for "B."

The two-hour daily class was the idea of a St. Louis adult educator, Arnold Zopf. He obtained the teacher, Mrs. Mildred Jasper, who has been teaching English to foreign-born for years. And she recruited her son, Henri, who teaches English to foreign-born at Washington University.

The Unitarian Church provided the classroom in its unused mission free school and Catholic workers gathered the "students," 40 Hungarian refugees ranging in age from six years to middle-age.

At first discipline was a problem. The students got so excited over a textbook with pictures and English words that their teacher had to call in help. The Rev. John de Gyarmathy, pastor of St. Stephen's Hungarian Catholic Church, gave the group a stern lecture—in their own language.

Then he assured Mrs. Jasper, "They promise they will be good in school."
A six-year-old and a 40-year-old have one thing in common in this classroom. Both know three phrases in English—"How do you do?" "Thank you" and "Goodbye." And they use them at every opportunity.

A Hungarian textile plant executive trained as a lawyer is one of those back in school to learn English. Paul fought behind a barricade in Budapest streets until a Russian tank broke through. Then he and his wife, Ilona, walked to the border to escape.

His tale of revolution and escape is no more hair-raising than other histories among the pupils in this classroom. But the teacher does not let any hint of the past take up class time.

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Treatment Not Untypical
This is not untypical of the treatment the Oregon vice story is being accorded elsewhere here in the big eastern cities. Such conservative and respectable newspapers as the Baltimore Sun, New York Herald Tribune, New York Times, to cite a few, have staff correspondents covering the hearings and are giving their dispatches page one prominence.

Presumably, if this were simply an account of local vice conditions in Portland, these newspapers would be all but ignoring the hearings and leaving them to their more sensational competitors. But the fact that the unraveling tale has entangled one of the nation's biggest and strongest labor unions, the Teamsters, gives the vice hearings their national significance.

But at the same time, Oregon isn't getting off Scot free, at the Washington Post editorial suggested. Under the heading "Oregon's Soiled Linen," the Post declared:

"What's the matter with Oregon? Why did the Beaver State fail to wash its own dirty linen? Why did it allow racketeering and corruption to become so flagrant that a select committee of the United States Senate felt it necessary to attempt a clean-up job under the international spotlight that plays on the Senate caucus room? And, why now that a parade of witnesses is unfolding sordid tales of bribery, vice, uncontrolled gambling, racketeering and political corruption, does Oregon appear to be so little concerned?"

Portland Defended In Speech by Morse

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) defended Portland, Ore., in a Senate speech yesterday against what he called false impressions that readers may be getting from news reports of the Senate Rackets Committee hearings.

Morse said Portland "is not a mire, a filthy city." He attacked "trial by press," and urged senators to withhold final judgment until juries have rendered verdicts in court cases.

Morse spoke "in defense of my state, not the individuals" involved. He said he was not reflecting upon the committee. But he said the hearings had pointed up the need for "great revision" in Senate investigation procedures.

OLCC Assistant To Testify in Washington

Portland—(U.P.)—Thomas J. Sheridan, assistant administrator for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, left here last night for Washington, D.C., to testify at the Senate Rackets Committee hearings.

Sheridan was called on the telephone yesterday by a committee member and asked if he knew Clyde Crosby and James B. Elkins. Elkins has testified he took Sheridan to Crosby's office in 1954 to interest Crosby in helping Sheridan who was then under suspension. Sheridan said he was told he would be questioned today.

NAM Official Calls For Anti-Union Drive

Hollywood Beach, Fla.—(U.P.)—A National Association of Manufacturers official called on management Tuesday to fight the AFL-CIO's drive to organize some 12 million white collar workers.

S. L. H. Burk, industrial relations director of the NAM, told 200 businessmen attending the NAM-sponsored Institute on Industrial Relations:

"We have lost the battle of the production worker and we can't afford to lose the battle of the white collar worker. It's a matter of pro-management as against anti-unionism."



INVOKING the fifth amendment, Tom Maloney, gang chief of Seattle, refused answers in teamster probe in Washington. (International)

ILLINOIS VALLEY Club Holds Silver Tea

BY HELEN BOTTEL

Cave Junction—Some \$25 was raised for local charity at the Illinois Valley Federated Women's club silver tea Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Simmons in Cave Junction. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Art Kellert, Mrs. Jack Spitz and Mrs. Hugh Foster. Pouring for the affair, which drew over 50 guests, were Mrs. Frank Rauber and Mrs. Frank Knight, president and vice-president of the club.

A room devoted to the display of antiques from local homes was an outstanding attraction. Open-face sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres, a variety of cookies, tea and coffee were served during the afternoon.

Out-of-town guests included three Federated Women's club district officers from Ashland, Mrs. Carl Peterson, Gladys Doerns and Mae Russell; Zepha Pierson and Eileen Sellers from Grants Pass; and Edna Conover, Portland.

The Women's Society for Christian Service of Immanuel Methodist church will serve fried chicken, hot biscuits home made pie and everything to go with them at a dinner set for Friday, March 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church.

In less than a year the Society has raised nearly half of its \$2,000 pledge toward the church building fund. Members have also purchased dishes to serve 100 with money from rummage sales and dinners.

Election of officers is planned by Western Star Chapter 64, Order of Eastern Star, at its regular meeting Tuesday, March 19, at the Masonic hall in Kerby.

Future Farmers of America and their guests will hear Donald G. Donahoo of the Regional office of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Portland at a meeting Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the vocational agriculture building. The speaker, who is with the rodent and pest control division of the Service, will talk on trapping and poisoning of predators. Included on the program, which is open to the public, will be a 20-minute film, "Hunting the Puma."

Donahoo will explain the policies of the federal agency in its effort to eliminate predators and other pests, and will describe the work of Government hunters employed to control marauding animals in stock raising districts.

The meeting is expected to draw a number of valley residents because of the recent movement here against the use of "10-80" poison in the control of rodents, and strychnine in the control of larger predators.

Ray Frost, Mary Buckles and L.Dex Riggan Jr. were named on a nominating committee to select candidates for next years offices at the Selma Parent-Teacher Association meeting Thursday night.

Cubmaster Bob Brackenridge of Pack 20 talked on the possibilities of forming a Cub Scout den at Selma. A meeting to make further plans for Cubbing in the Selma area was called for March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

A Dad's night is set for March 12, beginning at 6 p.m. when local men will assist in painting basketball lines in the school gymnasium, and in landscaping and planting grass in front of the school. Though the ladies are not invited, they will bring chili for a feed early in the evening.

Appointed on a committee to plan the annual end-of-school party were Glenn Plumlee, Bob Hines and Bill Love. A potluck dinner preceded the business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mead of Compton, Calif., have bought the former Clyde Runyan ranch on the Westside road from Nettie Sowell, and they and their three children moved to the valley Saturday.

Mead, a railroad engineer working out of Los Angeles, is her on a 90-day leave to get his family settled.

The well-traveled Gilliam brothers, Bob and Chester, are just about as far apart as they'll ever be. Bob Gilliam reports seeing moose walk the streets of Fairbanks, Alaska, while Chester Gilliam, ME3, crossed the Equator last week on his way around the Horn. He will be reunited with his bride, the former LaVerne Greenough, at Bremerton, Wash. on April 10. Bob's wife, Virginia and their small son are with him in Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bowman and children, of O'Brien, left Friday for Eugene where they will spend the weekend with Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lang. Their two daughters, Carole and Linda will remain with their grandparents through spring vacation.

The executive board of the Josephine County Rural Education Association will meet at Evergreen school March 19 at 8 p.m., to plan a program for the regular meeting to be held March 27 at Evergreen.

Each school in the county is represented by one member on the executive board.

An epidemic of chicken pox has depleted classes at Selma school during the past two weeks.

Mrs. McDonough Had Been a Resident of Sams Valley for a Number of Years Before Moving to Central Point

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gilchrist of Gold Hill.

Overnight guests at the Bert Johnsons Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Baldwin of Crescent City, who missioned the excitement of the "tidal wave" except through radio reports.

Another Well Child conference has been set for Monday, March 18, starting at 1 p.m. at Evergreen school.

Parents of pre-school children may make appointments by calling 0903 or 6903.

Dr. Roland Cutts of the State Public Health office, Portland, is the examining physician.

A false alarm resulted in a full meal for several volunteer firemen who spotted smoke boiling from the American Legion hall Saturday noon.

Whether it was fear of fire or smell of steaks that brought them is a matter of conjecture. At any rate, they were awarded for their diligence with several of the latter, charcoal broiled, by Soil Conservation district and Future Farmer cooks.

TWICE WAS ENOUGH

Bristol, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Ralph Feathers says he was not trying to prove that "birds of a feather stick together" when he had to be rescued twice from his burning feathered bed. Mrs. Christine Moore said she aroused Feathers after smelling smoke. Mrs. Moore helped Feathers put the fire out. Later, Joe Rudder also smelled smoke and burst into the apartment to find Feathers again snoring away in his feathered bed. Cause of the second fire was blamed on smoldering feathers.

Parking space was at a premium in every wide space from Idlewild to Crescent City Saturday during the height of the "evacuation," say Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wieting of Siskiyou Mountain Camp resort, who were in Crescent City that day.

Lee Clark, district supervisor of the Purina company, will be guest speaker at the Illinois Valley Farm Bureau meeting Thursday, March 14, in the high school home economics room.

A potluck dinner at 7 p.m. will precede Clark's address which will be accompanied by slides on sanitation. Guests are asked to bring their own table service.

SILGHT CHANGE

Columbus, O.—(U.P.)—Enrollment figures at Ohio State University jumped from 50 when it was founded in 1873 to 22,470 in 1956.

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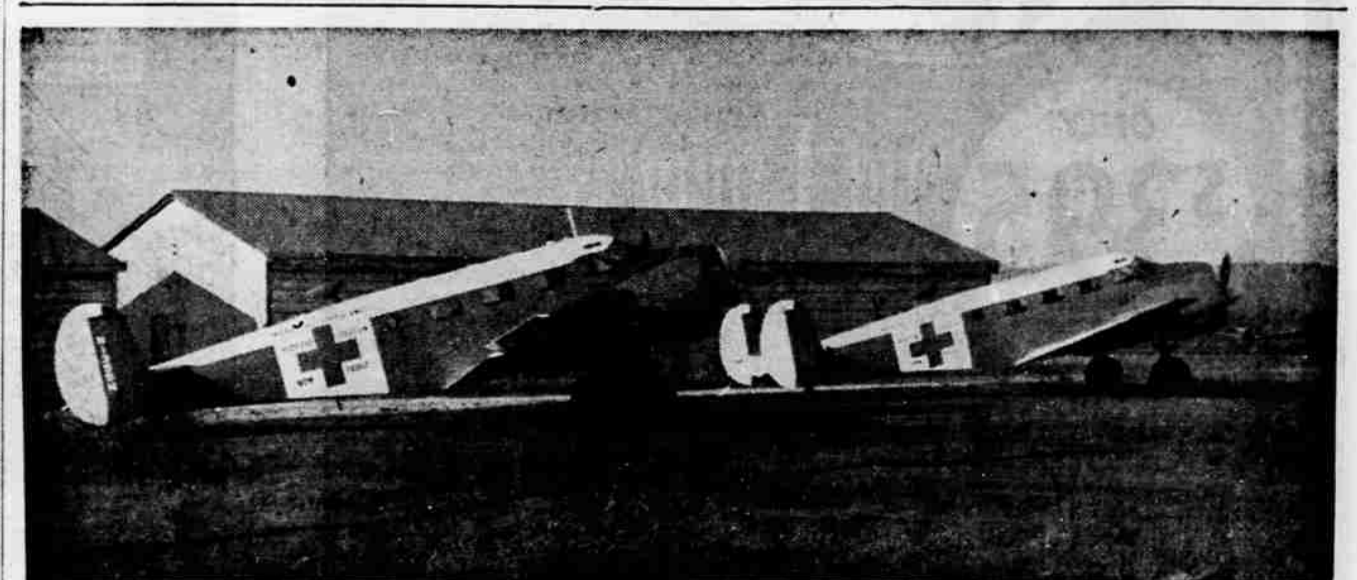
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