

THE OREGONIAN, THE JOURNAL AND "TIME"

It will be a relief when the "Portland mess" gets its day in court and the trial by newspapers ends.

The Oregonian and Journal are now engaged in bitter combat over Mayor Terry Schruink and particularly an article in Time magazine which the Journal claims "distorted the facts."

For example, "Time" ridiculed the Journal's publication of Clifford Bennett's affidavit denying that he paid the Portland Mayor a \$500 bribe in September 1955, the implication being Bennett committed perjury and the crime by Schruink WAS committed.

The Journal comments, quote: "We are not judging Schruink's guilt or innocence. We are protesting the fact that Time and the Oregonian have in effect already convicted him."

The Journal adds: "The Journal has repeatedly urged that vice and rackets must not be tolerated. It has repeatedly urged that all the facts be told, that all the truth be uncovered."

The Journal then "points with pride" to its long record of achievement in fighting for a clean and law abiding city and declares "honest journalism demands that what Time said—and did not say—about the Journal be corrected."

In short, the Portland evening paper is fed up with Time's distortion of the facts, the Oregonian's acquiescence in such distortion and their effort to convince the people that the Journal is on the side of the "bad guys" while the Oregonian "walks with the angels."

THIS paper's sympathy goes out to the Journal on two principal counts. No. 1: "Time" did slant its reports of the "Portland mess," was unjust to the Portland Journal directly and by implication, and it should, in fairness, make a correction.

But it won't. As has often been remarked in this department, "Time" claims to be a NEWS magazine, but it isn't. It is a weekly journal of opinion. It almost never handles a big and controversial story impartially or objectively—particularly in the political field.

We don't mean that its always clever and extremely readable journalism is factually false. But we do mean the reports are so arranged and colored and slanted as to give a false impression.

Moreover if Time has ever made a correction or attempted to be entirely fair and objective in its news, we have little evidence of either, and we have been a fairly regular reader of "Time" since it was started.

This opinion of "Time" as a "news" magazine, is not new with us, we have commented upon it many times in the past and so our sympathy goes out to the Portland Journal, as just another victim of Time's malpractice, from an objective news reporting standpoint.

NO. 2: OUR sympathy is extended to the Portland paper because it is also a victim of one of journalism's occupational hazards, namely: a "beat" by the opposition in the important spot news department.

Had the break in the teamsters and the Portland underworld come the way of a couple of reporters from the EVENING, instead of the MORNING Portland paper, the roles today would, we are sure, be exactly reversed. And we doubt very much if the Journal, under such circumstances, would have behaved very differently than the Oregonian is behaving now—or vice versa.

It was simply a bad "break" for one, and a most fortunate break for the other. Just as it would be too much, in such a highly competitive field as Portland to expect the "Oregonian" NOT to capitalize on the "break" to the FULL-EST extent, so it would be too much to expect that the Journal would accept a "me-too" second fiddle role and would not do the best it could with the crumbs that were left over.

IN SHORT, as far as the newspapers in Portland are concerned, the inevitable conflict regarding crime and vice revelations is proceeding in a perfectly natural and normal fashion. Our only complaint is it has gone far enough—too far in fact. Let the "trial by newspapers" now be stopped and let the "due process" clause in our constitution get to work.

THE Langley trial has started, the Schruink trial will be held soon, and it is to be hoped court action involving Bosses Jimmy Hoffa and Dave Beck will not be far behind. As everyone knows the basic principle of American jurisprudence is the accused are always assumed to be innocent, until in a proper court their guilt has been proved.

So from now on let the verdict be left to the courts, not to the press, and then let those who have been found guilty by a jury of their peers be given the punishment the laws provide, and those found not-guilty enjoy the benefits of official innocence they have won.—R.W.R.

Soviet Russia Appears Worried About British Arms Changes

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Soviet Russia seems to be more worried than any Western country over Great Britain's revolutionary new armaments policy.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's announcement that Britain's defense system would be put on a nuclear age basis, with a consequent drastic cut in the armed forces, came as a shock to military experts of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries.

Foundation of NATO's primary objective might be weakened fatally. This objective is to provide a defensive screen of armies and air forces sufficient to slow up a mass Russian attack on Western Europe.

The fear has subsided somewhat. There seems to be a growing feeling that Macmillan took the only course open to him, considering the necessity for sharp reduction in government spending.

But Soviet Russian fear seems to be intensifying. The chief reason seems to be the realization of the threat that nuclear weapons bases in NATO countries would present to Russia if World War III broke out.

Russia's fear is being shown in an incessant stream of warnings broadcast to NATO countries that they would face destruction if they permitted their territory to be used for nuclear weapons bases.

Specific warnings have been broadcast to Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, West Germany and Turkey. A broadcast in Greek warned that Cyprus might be involved in a general catastrophe. Broadcasts in Spanish, though they have not mentioned Spain, have warned of this danger of NATO, is the site of important American bases.

Even Sweden, which is not a NATO member and preserves neutrality, has been accused of departing from its neutral course and permitting its "reactionary circles" to spy against Russia.

That Russia could devastate countries of Western Europe there is no doubt. But Soviet leaders know that Russia would suffer catastrophic attacks itself from Allied bases, extending from Western Europe to Turkey, which are within easy range of vital targets in the Soviet Union.

octopus whose tentacles had sunk into our vital areas. Almost on bended knee, after three days of anxious pleading, Terry Schruink agreed to run for mayor.

Now that same octopus in its dying agony is determined to crucify Terry Schruink on the cross of character assassination.

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The Norman Outrage To the Editor: D. Norman is a symbol of what the United States of America has become, to our everlasting shame, as are the Rosenbergs, Alger Hiss, Robert Oppenheimer, and would like to do to Robert Hutchins or any one who thinks for himself. We have become a nation of paranoics led by paranoics. Our feet are on the road that Hitler trod.

Last Thursday, April 4, Egerton H. Norman, Canadian ambassador to Egypt jumped from a high building in Cairo and was horribly killed because, as he stated in the letters that he left, he was accused of being a Communist by the Un-American Committee of the United States Senate. What sovereignty have we over a Canadian citizen or British subject living in Cairo, Egypt, or over the Egyptians? After being cleared by the Canadian government and apparently by ours, the American charges were re-published March 14. Due to the earlier smear, Dr. Norman lost his U. N. post. You would have been stronger than he was? Maybe not. Every human being has his breaking point. The United States at present is trying to push a great many people to their breaking point, whether they are guilty or not, by smear tactics. Sleep well, Senators. You cannot harm Dr. Norman any more.

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Beck, Aides Plan Strategy Meeting Houston, Tex.—(UPI)—Teamsters boss Dave Beck and 12 of his aides were reported today as planning to hold a top level strategy meeting in the Houston-Galveston area next week.

The meeting, it was reported, will be held Monday and Tuesday in a hotel in either Houston or Galveston. Reservations reportedly were made at a hotel for all teamsters Executive Board members.

A canvass of leading hotels in Houston and Galveston failed to turn up the reservations. The meeting was reported to have one principal purpose—to decide whether Beck will defend himself against a barrage of charges hurled at him by AFL-CIO brass and a Senate investigating committee.

Communications

The Delinquent and Police To the Editor: It is not often I get a good belly laugh. However, an irate lady's challenge to the Medford City Police did the trick.

I gathered from her epistle that, possibly, a boy of hers had somehow gotten himself into a tangle that made it necessary for a city blue coat to take action in the matter.

For the lady's edification let me say that every law enforcement officer is under oath to obey, support, uphold the law. And to enforce its provisions. There can not possibly be any deviation from his duty and his orders. He MUST make the law enforcement his prime duty at all times whether on duty or off. He has no other choice except to resign, which is an indication of cowardice, or favoritism, neither of which may be tolerated for a single instant.

If a child is guilty he needs punishment and should receive it. If a child refuses to obey his parents and does as he wills, it may be to the detriment of others than himself, then he is guilty and is far on his way to become a "delinquent."

The court's are lenient with such children. I say "children" because the law has been held to include all persons under 21 years of age. Many of whom should be far enough in the teens to carry himself with honor. I know quite a few of the Medford city police and I can think of none I should fail to trust. They are courteous, kindly, sympathetic, but firm, as they must be to be good officers. My hat is off to them.

As a rule a delinquent child has been neglected, and permitted to "run wild." Psychiatrists and psychologists are 90 per cent to blame for the parents' neglect of their children.

They teach that a child must be permitted to express himself, "he must not be punished," "let him do as he pleases."

Does such teaching make sense? Solomon was held to be the wisest man on earth. What did he say about unruly children?

"Spare the rod and (you) spoil the child." As a result we are prone to let the child do as he wills. Does that make sense? No it makes juvenile criminals; potential thugs and murderers. Better to have the police take charge now before it is too late.

A. U. (Name on File) Medford, Ore.

Everything Is Too High To the Editor: This may unload a bomb, but here goes. Saturday my husband went to the Country Club which has the only golf club (course) in the city, with the idea in mind of playing about nine holes of golf, which is a good, clean, healthy sport in any man's class. Upon arriving he was told he could not play. They would not honor a card from a very fine club in Portland for a minimum fee, but for \$3 he could play nine holes, if he were from out of town.

Of course since we're just plain, poor, respectable people, (and Americans) who can't afford the exorbitant price to join the club, but still like to get out in this highly over-emphasized Oregon sunshine and hospitality. Maybe they are afraid the turf might wilt and die where he trod or he might tear it up. So far the courses he has played on still remain in excellent condition, no worse for the games played.

Would like to state, too, that although we aren't in the upper 500 or even 300 bracket, we do live, buy food, clothes, pay taxes, visit the dentist and doctor, in this gracious city, which all goes to enlarge the purse strings of those who can sit back in their seat of glory and say, "Pay us more or go home. You aren't entitled to fresh air and recreation.—You don't belong!"

In other words, perhaps you can't buy enough refreshments and spend enough to suit us, we don't want you!

Am wondering why the city of Medford does not put in a course of their own where a man, woman or child could play for a minimum amount. There are plenty of golfers in this community and the city has plenty of ready property which could bring the city a neat sum of money. Let the Big Wigs sit in their smug circle but it's about

time there was something for the Common Man, who like the farmer is the heart of a community, and his son, in this highly glorified valley. It might help to reduce juvenile delinquency.

Is there no tolerance? Only recreation for a few, even the theatres are far too expensive for our young boys and girls. Think it over, folks, the exorbitant high prices for everything is the total sum of this valley. Delinquent boys and girls—have you ever stopped to wonder why as well as criticize? Oh—that's right, we are allowed a walk in the sun (provided it shines). That's for free or a minimum fee!

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Matter of Fact

THE LAST OF MCCARTHY? Washington—The suddenness and completeness of the eclipse of Sen. Joseph McCarthy has been, of course, a major national phenomenon.

After his censure by the Senate he disappeared from public view as quickly as a midge in the thirties, or the twenties.

The question is whether he will disappear politically once and for all next year, when he must run again, as mah-jongg has disappeared; or whether, like midge golf, he will continue to exist as a local, largely unnoticed phenomenon. The question is an important one for the Eisenhower administration in general and President Eisenhower in particular.

The President's sentiments towards McCarthy are, of course, no secret. Presidential Press Secretary James Hagerly went out of his way to make public the snub administered to McCarthy when he was the only member of Congress not invited to the White House last year. If McCarthy is renominated by the Wisconsin Republicans the President will certainly be asked an embarrassing question—whether he endorses McCarthy's candidacy. There would be precious little weeping and gnashing of teeth in the White House if the question never arose.

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Nothing has been gained by the statement of the Senate committee. Canada has been deeply offended—its note in protest was said to have been extraordinarily severe in tone. And a man assigned to a very important duty has been degraded to a point where he sought escape through suicide. This seems to have been an abuse of senatorial power and an unnecessary affront to a very friendly power.—Oregon Statesman, Salem

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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO April 11, 1947 (Friday) At least 800 bids are received on the offering of 1,250 buildings for sale at Camp White.

20 YEARS AGO April 11, 1937 (Sunday) B. L. Sanderson of the Sanderson Motor company elected president of the Southern Oregon Automobile Dealers' association.

30 YEARS AGO April 11, 1927 (Monday) First heavy frost of the season, with a 27.5 minimum, brings first orchard heating last night.

40 YEARS AGO April 11, 1917 (Wednesday) Medford will have a Home Guard military company of between 100 and 200 members, composed of men who, because of age or physical disability, are ineligible for active service.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Did Boston ever pay as high as \$1 a gallon for sperm "whale" oil to light her street lamps? 2. Name the capital of Florida. 3. Bible: Then Samuel went to Ramah; Anul went up to his'—what—"to Gibeah of Saul." 4. How many months of the year have 30 days? 5. Which is the most malleable of all metals? 6. May the Navy present medals to persons in the Army? 7. A millenium is one hundred, one thousand, or one million years? 8. Abraham Lincoln was born in Kansas, Kentucky, or Illinois? 9. Is it proper to use the term "brethren" of sons in a family? 10. "The hills, Rock-ribbed, as ancient as the sun." Who wrote this line in "Thanatopsis"?

Boyd Overhulse Governor of Oregon Salem—(UPI)—The man from Madras was the governor of Oregon Thursday. Gov. Robert D. Holmes left the state by plane to preside over a session on human resources at the western regional Conference on Higher Education at San Francisco. When he crossed the state line Senate President Boyd Overhulse, Madras Democrat, automatically became acting governor.

Snow Again Falls On Plains States

By UNITED PRESS Showers spread across Iowa, northern Missouri, southern Wisconsin, northern Illinois and lower Michigan. The western snowstorm was triggered by an invasion of cold Canadian air into the northern plains. Temperatures dropped to a low of 10 degrees overnight at points in North Dakota and Montana. Weathermen said snow flurries are expected to continue in Montana and Colorado today, and advance eastward along the upper Mississippi Valley.

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The Therapy of "MUSIC" Music is an emotional experience. Its therapeutic value has long been recognized in quieting restlessness in humans and in animals, in calming wrought up nerves, in relieving monotonous activities, in easing built up tensions, and many similar experiences. From the beginning of history the use of music is recorded in connection with occasions of joy and sorrow. Is it any wonder that today, just as in time immemorial, music and its alleviating balm is such an integral part of funeral services? DAY OR NIGHT — PHONE 2-8030 Chapel Mortuary Across from the Courthouse Frank Morgan — Harold Snodgrass FUNERAL DIRECTORS