

Cousins, Conant Address Educators; See Atomic Threat, Future Educational Needs

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Philadelphia, July 4 — "Violence and force are taken for granted in this age—the casual approach to violence is a mark of our time, a basic disorder" according to Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review and a leader in this country in the movement to stop the testing of nuclear bombs and weapons.

He was final speaker in the special convocation of National Education association's centennial convention being held in Philadelphia this week.

Several Oregonians heard Cousins and the two speakers who preceded him, Miss Maurine Walker, former NEA president and director of the Division of Teacher Relations and Certification, Texas Education agency, Austin, and Dr. James B. Conant, former president of Harvard university and former ambassador to West Germany. The three talked on different phases of "Moving Freedom Forward," the convention theme.

Group Discussions
More than a thousand teachers, educators and laymen from all parts of the country, including several Oregonians, participated in the group discussion which followed.

Cousins further declared it is imperative that the people of the world learn to respect non-violence, and said "We are calling upon the world to settle its problems without force, and we are not trained for it and do not respect it. Everyone says violence in the age of nuclear weapons is unthinkable, but who is doing the thinking?"

The speaker pointed out that Americans enjoy violent games, and get most excited at boxing matches when some one is being battered to the floor. Television, radio and literature of recent times are based too much on violence, and glorify war, he added. Even religion pays respect to the violent approach, Cousins emphasized, saying "My recollection of Sunday school is that it was like going to a football game to root for our side. We were taught about a violent deity, an all-powerful deity—but one not powerful enough to bring out the good in man. Thousands of persons have been killed because of the 'Prince of Peace'."

Figures Given
The speaker gave figures to emphasize the vastness of the damage which is possible from the use of nuclear bombs, and of the danger to this and succeeding generations from release of radioactive strontium into the air. He said, "Man is tampering with the sacred being of man," and added that since scientists agree that man's germ plasm may be changed by radioactive influences, it was unthinkable that the testing should continue.

He then said the news from the disarmament meetings in London "is good," adding, "The American proposal at London appears to be a reasonable one and should serve as the immediate basis for putting an end to the nightmare of H-bomb and A-bomb experimentation. We can only pray that the proposal will be quickly accepted by the Soviet Union . . . and we can pray that the nations of the world will proceed as swiftly as possible to the main business of our age, which is not solely the control of nuclear weapons but the control of war itself."

AEC Said Secretive
Cousins spoke of the Atomic Energy commission, saying "The American people today are virtually excluded from the big decisions on atomic policy that affect their future. They have not been given the information essential for making informed judgments. They have had to rely on sources outside the AEC for news of many aspects of the atomic energy situation. On the subject of nuclear testing, for example, it was only when other nations protested that we began to hear about the contaminating effects of radioactive fallout. No statements were made directly to the American public by the AEC that detectable amounts of radioactive strontium now exist in every quart of the nation's milk."

"The AEC has not reported to the American people or the Congress about the fact that various parts of the United States, because of an unhappy confluence of winds, have received hundreds of times the national fall-out average. The AEC was not the first to report publicly on the fact that various other radioactive elements, in addition to radioactive strontium, are released by nuclear explosions and represent a potential health hazard."

Facts Needed
He added that the role of the laymen in moving freedom forward cannot be important if he does not have pertinent facts, and quoted Dr. Albert Schweitzer as saying "In the act of knowing there is strength. Only the people can bring peace."

Cousins closed with the statement that "Peace is too important to be left up to government," and that through the right kind of education, "The next century can be the century of the noble man."

Dr. Conant, asked to speak about the role of higher education in moving freedom forward, said that education did not always accomplish this purpose and pointed to the universities of Germany during the Nazi period, and universities in the totalitarian countries of the present day.

"I submit that it is worth remembering that even an excellent type of higher education does not necessarily advance the cause of freedom; it may go hand in hand with an indoctrination that prevents, as far as possible, even the growth of human freedom. This is a bitter fact which the grim history of the last 25 years has taught us," he declared.

Unique Institution
However, Dr. Conant said he believed universities in this country had advanced the cause of freedom but only because of "that unique institution, the American college, where the undergraduate influence is at work." He pointed out that only on the North American continent has there been an evolution of institutions carrying out "the third function of the universities of the Middle Ages—the basic education of those subsequently to be trained in the learned professions."

He said that the number of youth in America "who are endeavoring through formal education to widen their intellectual and aesthetic horizons is still so large as to constitute a modern miracle." Dr. Conant spoke of intellectual freedom saying "The freedom conveyed by wide acquaintance with music, art, literature, history, science and

philosophy is a freedom to pass through doors whose keys are academic skills and knowledge. I am sure that all of us here today who have spent our lives in school or college work agree that this enlargement of an individual's horizon is one of the two principal ways by which education promotes freedom."

Responsibilities Merging
Dr. Conant reviewed briefly the problem of educating all those who wish to continue beyond high school, said that "there is a gradual merging of school and college responsibilities," and that because many are incapable of utilizing "long years of academic retaining . . . we would be well advised in facing the pressing problems of increased numbers to emphasize the potentialities of the two-year college as a local institution."

He said the development of "two-year terminal" colleges on a local level would move freedom forward. He closed by saying that the important years are those "after high school is over," and "To the degree that knowledge about the complexities of Western political and economic life acquired in college is explained by reading and discussion, the lawyer, banker, scientist and doctor will be better able to be a leader in his community, as well as his profession."

Khrushchev May Order Purge When He Visits Prague

(Editor's Note: United Press staff correspondent Russell Jones covered the uprisings in Poland and Hungary last year. He was the only American reporter in Budapest at the height of the revolt. He is currently on assignment to Eastern Europe. In the following dispatch from Vienna, major Western listening post to Iron Curtain happenings, he reports the Soviet political upheaval may be followed by the ouster of Stalinists from Communist Czechoslovakia.)

By RUSSELL JONES
United Press Correspondent
Vienna — Nikita S. Khrushchev may order a major purge of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and government when the Soviet Communist party boss visits Prague this week. Observers here believe Khrushchev, fresh from his victory over "dogmatists" in the Kremlin, will insist Czechoslovakia follow suit in "cleaning house."

Czechoslovakia is one of the last of the major satellite nations run by old-line Stalinists. Its rulers have shown no signs of changing their ways since the death of Josef Stalin and the repudiation of the "cult of the individual."

Same Crowd in Power
The only gesture made by the Prague regime toward following the "Khrushchev line" was to demote Alexei Cepicka from the post of defense minister to head the patent office and to oust Ladislav Stoll as minister of culture. But both men remain as members of the party in good standing.

From President Antonin Zapotocky and Prime Minister Vilém Siroky on down through the ranks of both party and government, however, the same old crowd is still in power.

These are the men, who under the late President Klement Gottwald, overthrew the democratic government of Eduard Benes and in 1952 hanged Rudolf Slansky and 10 other "nationalist Communists."

Throughout their careers, they have been unwavering followers of the tough line laid down by Stalin.

Reshuffle Appears Difficult
However, observers said any reshuffle of the Czech Communist party would be difficult because the elimination of Slansky and his "independent" Communist faction left the party with no alternatives to the Stalinists.

The observers believe the likely result of the Khrushchev-Buganin visit will be a wave of self-criticisms for "mistakes of the past" and "failure to learn the lessons of the Soviet 20th Party congress" followed by "voluntary resignations."

But, because there is so little to choose between the present Czech leaders, the observers are unwilling to speculate on who will fall and who will remain.

Orangeburg, S. C. — A Trailways bus swerved to avoid hitting an oncoming car and overturned near here Thursday, injuring 20 persons.

Weather Officials Point Up Heat Wave

Paris — Weather officials, pointing up the intensity of the current heat wave, said Saturday that the temperature in Paris Friday afternoon was 96 degrees. At the same time, they said, it was only 82 degrees at Bangui, on the Equator in French Equatorial Africa.

TURTLE SUIT

Cedar Rapids, Iowa — D. C. and Marie Lackman are keeping away from turtle ponds. The Lackmans are being sued for \$17,500 because they allegedly filled in a turtle pond and thus caused their neighbors' basements to be flooded. The suit charges the Lackmans "re-arranged surface waters" and caused the flooding.

Florence Movie Theater Burned on Opening Day

Florence — Fire gutted this city's only movie theater before it opened Friday after a blaze apparently started in the projection room. The fire was discovered about 2 p.m. by employes of Andre's Appliance service, across the street from the movie house, and brought under control by firemen.

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HORN BROOK Party Given For Mary Kurt

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN
Hornbrook—Mrs. Mary Kurt, a native of Siskiyou county, celebrated her 76th birthday July 2.

A party in her honor was given that afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Chapman, who was assisted by Mrs. Kurt's daughter, Mrs. W. A. Rutledge. There were 24 guests present.

Mrs. Kurt was born July 2, 1881, (the day President Garfield was assassinated) on Indian creek near Ft. Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Bailey, who were among the first settlers in Scott valley.

Elton Bailey, a native of Virginia, came across the plains from Illinois in 1853, at the age of 19, and his bride was a native of Wales, and came around the "horn" with her parents to California. Seven children were born to them, of whom six are still living. Besides Mrs. Kurt, they are the Misses Kate and Maggie Bailey, of Ft. Jones, Mrs. Bruce Goodman of Yuba City, Lee, who still makes his home on Indian creek, and James, of Folsom, Calif.

Mrs. Kurt was educated in the Ft. Jones school, and received her teacher training from a special teacher there and began her teaching career at an early age. She later taught in the Hornbrook school, and retired about ten years ago.

Mrs. Kurt was a "born teacher" who loved every child in her classes, and in return was beloved by them. For many years, she has operated a branch of the Siskiyou county library in a room adjoining the little neighborhood store she runs, and where during school terms, the high school youngsters wait for the school bus. Her store is a favorite gathering place for all the young ones, and here, along with her candy and ice cream, she dispenses wisdom, understanding, and kindness—and

First National Bank Deposits Decline

The Medford branch of the First National Bank of Portland, as well as other statewide branches, reported a drop in deposits and loans as compared with last year in the quarterly statement of condition issued June 29.

Figures released by the Medford branch show that on June 29, 1957, deposits were \$25,476,608 and loans were \$12,153,349, according to C. E. Hedberg, vice president and manager. On June 30, 1956, deposits were \$29,242,117 and loans totaled \$12,975,947.

Bank officials pointed out that historically, deposit totals are at their low point each June, but the present two per cent statewide decline reflects a combination of heavy consumer buying, the slowdown in Oregon's forest products industries and large corporate tax payments to the government, the bank president said.

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