

Loyalty Oath To Obtain Student Loan Felt To Be Unnecessary

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On Sept. 2, 1958, Congress approved the National Defense Education Act, thereby making a total of \$90 million available to education over a four-year period. This money is to be used, together with the funds provided by educational institutions, to make loans to students who need financial assistance to complete their schooling. This action by Congress recognized education as the first line of defense in a free society.

Under the provisions of this act special consideration is given to students who intend to go into the teaching field and students who intend to enter the fields of mathematics, engineering or physical sciences. This preference is designed to stimulate interest in these fields in the hope of training more scientists and teachers sorely needed throughout America.

Students are charged 3 per cent interest on the loans starting one year after graduation. Those students who intend to teach in elementary or secondary schools may have as much as 50 per cent of their repayment obligation rescheduled.

As beneficial as this act is and can be to education, a loyalty test provision contained in the legislation has served to alienate a large number of American educators. This loyalty provision contains two parts: (1) a disclaimer affidavit, popularly called the

non-Communist oath and (2) an affirmative oath of allegiance, similar to the pledge to the flag. Educators have protested against the first section, the negative disclaimer affidavit. At present, a loan applicant must sign both of these loyalty provisions when applying for a loan.

The purpose of the loyalty provision is to insure that all who participate in the loan fund program are loyal to the United States and its democratic form of government. This is not the first attempt to insure loyalty by use of an oath. In the late '40s and early '50s educational institutions in several areas of the country required instructors to sign a disclaimer affidavit. The only alternative to signing the affidavit was to leave the institution. Many fine instructors did leave in protest to the requirement, to the detriment of the institution and its students. It is interesting to note that the requirement was not imposed upon those who had given evidence of disloyalty, but upon all instructors to "insure" their loyalty. The University of California at Berkeley, for example, lost many fine instructors as a result of this requirement.

Participation Refused In protest to the disclaimer affidavit requirement in the National Defense Education Act, 16 institutions of higher education have refused to participate in the loan program. Among these institutions are Princeton, Harvard and Yale. Many other similar institutions are on record in protesting the requirement. The American Association of Colleges reported that the majority of its 175 members favored the repeal of the disclaimer affidavit provision of the NDEA. Many of these institutions are accepting funds under the loan program at the present time.

Basically, there are five main reasons why the protesting educators are opposed to the disclaimer requirement in the National Defense Education Act: First, the disclaimer affidavit violates the principle of intellectual freedom. Loyalty is a feeling, a belief, which emanates from the mind and heart. Loyalty must come freely. To force a manifestation of loyalty is to usurp the intellect of the individual. Secondly, the affidavit is unnecessary. By taking the affirmative oath of allegiance, one states that he is loyal. The disclaimer requires him

to say that he is not disloyal. This is merely repetition in a negative manner, and adds nothing.

Third, the disclaimer affidavit is ineffective. No communist would hesitate to sign it. By signing the affidavit, a communist could place himself above suspicion of disloyal activity.

Fourth, the disclaimer affidavit requirement is defeating the very purpose of the Act. Sixteen institutions of higher education have refused to accept federal funds for which they are eligible under the NDEA. While serving no apparent purpose, the affidavit is causing needy students to do without loan funds, to the detriment of their education.

Students Felt Suspect Fifth, the disclaimer affidavit is discriminatory. It singles out specifically those students in need of financial assistance. Farmers, pensioners and shipbuilders are not required to sign a disclaimer affidavit in order to receive federal funds. Why then does a student? Apparently, students in need of funds are considered poor security risks.

Early in the second session of the present Congress a bill to repeal the disclaimer affidavit requirement was introduced. This bill would retain the affirmative oath of allegiance. When the bill does come before the Senate, it will be interesting to see if the educational institutions will be penalized for their stand on principle, or if a stricter provision will be struck from the National Defense Education Act.

Valley Girls Are Attending Girls State at Salem

Salem—When Oregon Girls State, the school of citizenship of the American Legion auxiliary, opened at Willamette university here this week Medford was represented by Miss Mary Jo Batzer, 933 South Holly st., a junior attending St. Mary's High school.

Also attending from this area is Barbara Gipin, Phoenix; Nancy Hinman, Judy Sims, and Mary Frohmayer, all of Medford. The 250 girls from Oregon who are attending Girls State will constitute a mythical state for one week and will assume the duties of citizens by electing officials and setting up their own city, county, and state government.

Gov. Mark Hatfield is to be the guest speaker when a Girls State Governor is elected and inaugurated in the House of Representatives at the State Capitol.

State senators and representatives are also to be elected in accordance with Oregon law. The girls group will also introduce, debate, and pass bills in their mock legislature.

Other activities include a visit to the State Supreme Court with speeches by the Chief Justice William McAllister and Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

Near the close of the session, two girls will be chosen to attend Girls Nation in Washington, D.C.

California Towns Get Dial System

Yreka—Sliskiy Telephone company last week established full dial operations and use of microwave for toll calls for the communities of Etna, Fort Jones, Hamburg and Happy Camp.

About 90 guests at a buffet dinner at Fort Jones Community center witnessed the cut-over. First long distance call over the microwave system was placed to Congressman Bizz Johnson in Washington, D.C., by Sen. Randolph Collier.

After midnight Saturday subscribers began placing a steady stream of long distance calls to all parts of the country. Two operators on the Fort Jones switchboard were kept busy until daybreak. Three operators were needed Sunday as calls continued to flood the long distance board.

HELIPORT READIED

Paterson, N.J.—UPI—The new Paterson Heliport, first in the nation to be built with matching city and federal funds, will be dedicated June 23. Mail and cargo helicopter service between Paterson and New York, New Jersey and Connecticut airports will be inaugurated by New York Airways a short time after the dedication.



NOT AN ORCHID—What looks like a close-up of an orchid flower, is actually an aerial view of an iceberg shown as the explosion of a 1,000-pound bomb inside its crater throws a geyser of water into the air. The bomb was dropped by a Coast Guard plane conducting aerial iceberg destruction tests off Newfoundland. Sixteen direct hits on the berg caused what the Coast Guard called "insignificant" damage. —(UPI Telephoto)

Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Something is happening at Central Point!

In the midst of an awakening this spring to the need for a step or two out of the past and into the future, the town suddenly became famous.

Everyone in this part of the country knows the John Days. Their ranch near Table Rock is something of a showplace. One of the few herds of American bison graze on the Day property.

Then the wires buzzed with the news that John Day, of Central Point, Oregon, was one of a party of mountain climbers injured in a fall while scaling Mt. McKinley in Alaska. The rescue of the party was news for days.

Mrs. John Day, who is active in Red Cross work in Medford, is a little upset by the publicity and does not want to discuss the incident. But people from far and near now want to see Central Point. Quite a few plan to live there.

But this does not account for what is happening there. There wasn't a great deal of attention paid to this part of the greater Medford area during the centennial celebration last year. Jacksonville was the drawing card in this respect.

It should be remembered that Central Point came before Medford. Two stage routes crossed at this point before the coming of the railroad, hence the name. Its "Main Street" today is a typical small town main street and no one expected it to change.

A start has been made, however, and the city hall is moving into a bright new building with modern fixtures, abandoning the old bank building which is inadequate for handling the business necessary to run the town.

A little building boom is under way with two new subdivisions and 200 new projects under construction. When it was learned that building permits aggregating \$100,000 had been issued, a citizen remarked "What on earth is happening here in Central Point?"

There is, of course, the new highway, with work resumed after a layoff during the winter months. It will mean much to Central Point, reached now by a somewhat circuitous route. The seven miles of the new Highway 99 will remove the traffic from the streets of Medford and connect, eventually, with the present Highway 99, near Ashland, according to reports.

Central Point has not been too fortunate with its newspaper ventures. There was a weekly—the Central Point American—at one time. To keep abreast of the times, two companion mimeographed periodicals have been issued by Patsy's Printery.

Now Patsy says there are to be changes which will dress up the paper both in printing and in content with more attention to news. A very up and coming paper, "The Times" is published at Rogue River.

Garden club members recently visited a landscape gardening project outside of town along Bear Creek. Almost every type of shrub and bush and tree suitable for decorative purposes around homes and parks is found there under cultivation. A reminder of other days, and not too long ago either, is the Central Point black-

smith shop. Needless to say, it is not used for that purpose today.

An artist's conception of the catastrophe which produced Crater Lake is found in four unusually fine paintings in the Pioneer club there.

The first is Mt. Mazama, snow covered and resembling Mt. Shasta in size. Then, the volcanic action is shown, followed by the lowering of the peak as it sank into the pit which was created in the holocaust. Finally, the Crater lake of today is shown.

All of which proves the truth of the saying that one picture (in this case four) is worth a thousand words. Those who go to Crater lake this summer should see this picture story first. The artist signs himself H. S. Cleveland.

There isn't much beyond the foregoing to see in Central Point. But the people have a little quicker step as they move along the street. They seem to sense that something is happening there, but they can't tell you just what it is.

Central Point is the gateway to that fascinating region along the Rogue river which is less attractive to tourists and appreciated more by those who like to live amid its rugged contours. Among its residents have been artists and outdoor sports enthusiasts, not to mention a few scholars.

The educational focal point in this section has been Crater High school which graduated 134 students this year. An even dozen scholarships were awarded, seven of them to SOC, three to OSC and one each to Georgia Fox and Lewis and Clark.

In reviewing the landmarks of this growing community, the establishment of the new Osteopathic hospital in Central Point should not be overlooked. With progressive schools and an organized facility for maintaining health, it is but natural for people to move in this direction.

Stamp Store Here Plans Expansion

The Sperry and Hutchinson green stamp redemption center plans to add 2,000 square feet of warehouse space to its present facilities at 221 South Central ave.

According to Mrs. Harry Hinman, store manager, increased business during the four years that the redemption center has been at its present location necessitates the expansion.

Owners of the property are Charles W. Botter and Anthony J. Bottano. General contractor for the project is Stanley G. Parrish.

Hatfields Pick Name If Baby Is Boy

Salem—Gov. and Mrs. Mark Hatfield, expecting their second child "at any time," have indicated that if it is a boy, he will be named Mark Hatfield Jr.

The Hatfields have a daughter, Elizabeth, born July 1, 1959. The governor said they haven't definitely decided on the name of the second child should it be a daughter.

Shasta Caves to Be Developed

Shasta Lake—The Baird caves, famed Shasta lake landmark, will be developed and opened to the public sometime this fall, according to Charles J. Gleeson, secretary-manager of the Lake Shasta Chamber of Commerce and the Shasta Lake Improvement association.

The caves, a 40-acre site now owned by a San Francisco group, are on the east side of the McCloud river, just across from the north end of the Pit river bridge. The opening is near the top of the long scar in the mountain which is familiar to all lake visitors.

Changes to be made at the area include changing the name to Cathedral caves, and building a dock near the water's edge. Visitors, the owners added, will have to come in their own boats or in rented craft at the present.

A mile long road will be built up the mountain to 150 feet of the cave entrance which is about 1,000 feet above the water. Stairways will lead to the cave, and visitors are to be taken to the entrance by jeep train.

Historians say the first white man to visit the caves was James A. Richardson in 1878, and the caves now are named for Prof. Spencer E. Baird, who in 1872 was named U.S. fish commissioner.

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The girls recently attended Camp-Vue day at the new Day Camp site at Tomlin Forest in Little Switzerland. They also held a cook-out in the Congregational church yard, where they were instructed in game songs, knot tying, and trail blazing under the guidance of girls from Troop 192.

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