

Capitol Memo

Crime Prevention Like Motherhood; Don't Criticize 'Em

By DOUGLAS GRIPP Salem -UPI- Crime prevention is like motherhood, virtue and the flag.



Don't criticize 'em, busster. And if you are a politician, you can't go wrong if you're all for them.

Crime prevention, then, is good not only for the public but for those who promote it, and it is interesting that a quiet but firm struggle is on in Oregon government to see who out-prevents whom.

Y. Thornton, a Democrat, established a crime prevention division. He hired a director and formed an advisory committee. Teen-age advisory groups have been formed in 46 high schools plus the Portland school system.

Meanwhile, State Sen. Carl Francis, Dayton Republican, has introduced a bill for creation of a state criminal law commission, a new state with 11 members - six of them legislators - and a life span of 10 years.

One of its primary functions would be crime prevention. Francis, who was defeated by Thornton for attorney general a second time last November, said his bill is "not intended as an answer" to Thornton's proposal, "but in a sense it might have that effect."

Gov. Mark Hatfield, on the other hand, favors crime prevention as an aspect of a proposed advisory board on police standards and training. H. G. Mason state police superintendent, submitted an amendment to this effect recently to a pending bill.

A number of Republicans, none of them Francis or the governor, say privately that Thornton's program is "hogwash," a clever vehicle for publicity.

Thornton's reaction to this is "political high-jacking" and "muscling in." He says it was an "afterthought" by those who criticize his plan.

Francis admits the crime commission and Thornton's division could duplicate each other and the legislature isn't likely to go for this.

Both ask appropriations in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Francis says the crime commission would give the governor a "strong voice" in crime prevention since he would appoint five of the 11 members.

Hatfield denied Thornton's request to include \$52,958 for the division in Hatfield's 1961-63 budget. He remarked that crime prevention is not properly in the attorney general's bailiwick.

Thornton disagreed.

Demo Opponents Of Boardman Bill Criticized

Salem - UPI - Rep. Carl Fisher, Republican legislator from Lane county, Wednesday criticized the seven House Democrats who voted against HB1600, one of the measures allowing the state to acquire the Boardman Industrial park.

The House passed the bill and one other for a necessary \$900,000 appropriation and shipped them to the Senate where passage is also expected.

Fisher singled out Rep. Edward Fadeley, Lane county Democrat, and charged him with joining a "legislative vendetta" against proposed leasing of Boardman by Boeing Airplane Co.

Efforts To Kill Work

Fisher said it was "an effort to kill more than 15 months work" by Gov. Mark Hatfield and the state department of planning and development.

Joining Fadeley in voting against the bill were Reps. Ed Benedict, Phil Lang and George Van Hoomissen, all of Portland; Sidney Leiken of Roseburg; Thomas McClellan, Neotsu; and Wayne Turner of St. Helens.

"The world is stepping into the space age," Fisher said. "Oregon can join, even lead, but if legislators forget the practical politics and potential candidates of 1963 and concentrate on the positive problems of today."

Persian Cat Is Seeing Financial Status Increased

New York -UPI- "Cat people are all a little nuts," said Loisele Adams. "They'll buy anything for their pets."

Miss Adams, who is the devoted owner of a platinum Persian cat named Nicodemus, is planning to work on that theory to improve Nicodemus' financial status. She's got him incorporated, in a manner of speaking.

Nicodemus, a silvery, long-haired animal with big green eyes and a thoroughly indolent manner, earned about \$5,000 last year posing for advertisements for such things as eye makeup, diamonds and luxury furs.

Miss Adams, who can pamper a cat with the best of them, is now trying to market some of Nicodemus' favorite luxuries - his golden castled carrying basket, for instance, with "a little bubble like the President's" for bad weather.

Other items she hopes to sell in Nicodemus' name to the fanciers of the nation's estimated 27 million cats, include perfume - Feline Fatale and Glamor Puss, naturally. She has a doctor working on such things as a "feline-izer" for untranquil cats and a "feline-atric" pill for those who are feeling their age.

Lying Down

Nicodemus is taking the whole thing lying down. "He's a very lying down cat," his mistress said. "He won't stand up for very long."

"That's for sure," muttered a harassed photographer who was trying to get him to stand up for just one more.

Miss Adams said she had hoped to make Nicodemus the nation's first incorporated cat, but New York State law provides that corporations may be organized only by citizens, which cats aren't. So she's the president of Nicodemus Enterprises, Inc. She's had a signature paw print made for Nicodemus, however, over the title "chairman of the board."

Socially, the 7-year-old pedigreed Persian has little use for his own kind, his mistress said. "He loves dogs, monkeys, birds, everything but cats," she said. A Russian wolfhound is a particular friend, and he had some correspondence with the dogs mascot of the atomic submarine Triton "just before they dunked, or whatever they call it."

Nicodemus also likes to go to the park and climb trees, and when she takes him to the movies, Miss Adams said, "he sits and purrs. He doesn't always look at the movie, but he loves it."

Miss Adams can't imagine her life without a cat around the house. "He's so loyal and sensible," she said of Nicodemus. "He makes me feel so silly."

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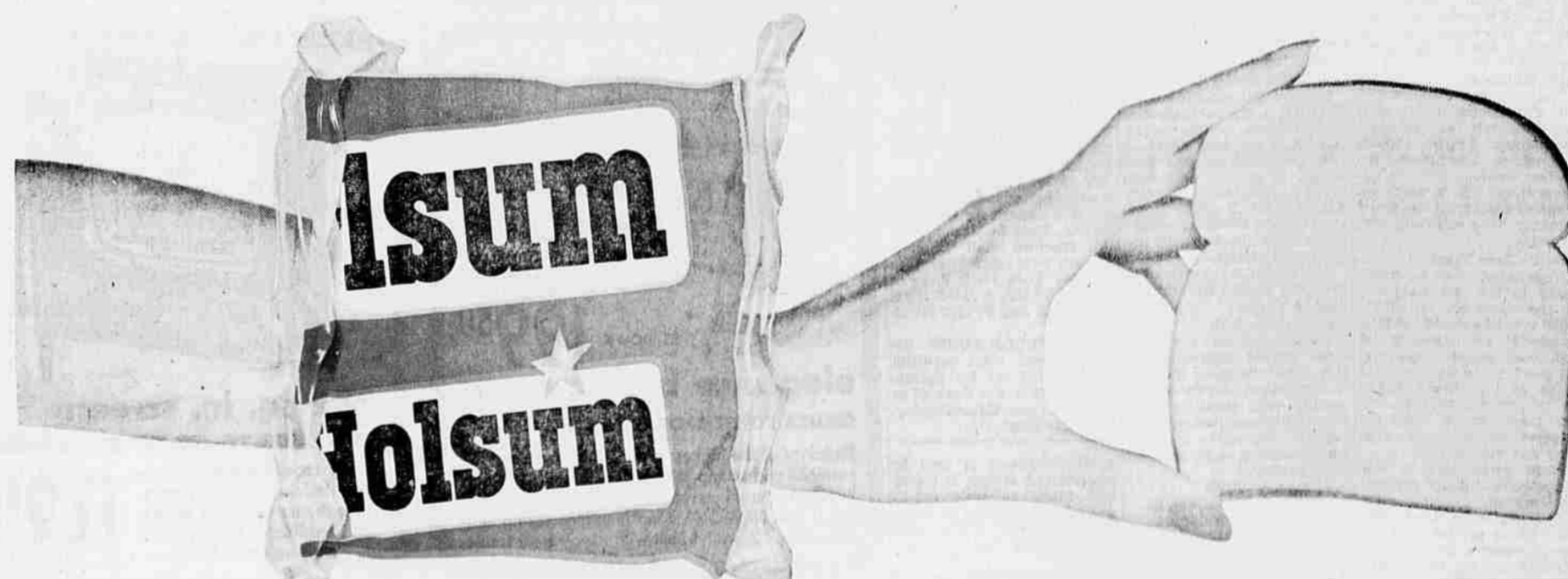


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