

Welch Defends Controversial Birch Society

Hollywood - (UP) - Robert Welch, founder and leader of the John Birch Society, spoke out in defense of the controversial group Sunday night by saying its long term aim was to halt the "disease of collectivism and the flight to amorality."

Welch, 61, retired candy magnate from Belmont, Mass., specifically denied he was a Nazi or had complete control over the members of the national group.

Welch announced the society's primary effort this year was to stop the Communist conspiracy and "educate as many of our neighbors as possible as to what's happening and why it's happening."

Warren Target

Another aim is to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren, he said.

Welch denied the group was secret or even semisecret, saying, "all our beliefs are in our publications."

He declined, however, to make public the number of the society's members or their identities.

But Welch promised that none of the members would decline to testify by pleading the Fifth Amendment if they were called before a government investigating committee. He said he would welcome such an investigation.

Saw Red Hands

"I was born a conservative," Welch said. "I got into the fight after World War II

THIEVES GET JEWELS New York - (UP) - More than \$30,000 in jewelry was stolen Sunday night from the home of composer Oscar Hammerstein's widow, Dorothy. Mrs. Hammerstein was not at home, but an automatic burglar alarm in the six-story town house alerted police.

Woman Missing As Boat Overturns

Astoria - (UP) - A Coast Guard search was under way for Mrs. Edna Krippendorf, Warrenton, who disappeared when a 10-foot cabin cruiser carrying five persons tipped over Sunday night in the Columbia river near the Astoria Port Dock.

The other four occupants of the craft were rescued. They are Arnold Krippendorf and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Alzman, all of Warrenton, and Gerald Johansen, Astoria.

The fishing vessel "Jimmy Boy" rescued two of the persons while an unidentified craft picked up the other two who were washed into the river.

ABOUT COUNTY HOME RULE Committee Members Give Reasons for Their Vote

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of statements by members of the Jackson county home rule study committee. Today's statements are those of W. E. Davis, Eagle Point, and Earl Day, Medford. The committee recently voted to draw up a proposed home rule charter for the county for submission to the voters.)



EARL DAY

"I began to find Communist conspiratorial hands under . . . socialism. The more I studied, the more I saw these hands."

"I gave up my job . . . I was forming my thoughts and the conceptions of the John Birch Society came to my mind. I worked for several months on it and held a meeting in 1958, inviting 11 people. At the end of the day they agreed with me and we formed the John Birch Society."

had to set up a real estate operation in our own offices to handle the many sales of county-owned lands that had reverted to the county through tax delinquency.

"All of these matters, I believe, would have been adjusted quickly if the county court had had the authority given by a home rule charter. Our county is a fast growing community which deserves and could well use a more business-like administration of our county business," the ex-county judge stated.

If and when Jackson county should lose the \$2 million plus dollars from O and C and forestry receipts it will have to move fast in making drastic readjustments to avoid a ruinous increased tax levy, Day pointed out.

"We had serious trouble with three of the most important county offices," Day related. "We could get no comprehensive and regular statements from the treasurer as to county finances; the sheriff wrecked the budget of the tax collecting department by hiring inefficient help; and on account of a lack of cooperation by the county clerk, we



W. E. DAVIES

W. E. Davies, county home rule committee member from Eagle Point, favored drafting a charter proposal during the committee vote, but said he couldn't answer if Jackson county should have a charter by a simple yes or no.

The term "charter" could mean so many different things to different people, he pointed out, that it needs definition.

"This charter committee must choose between five different kinds of county government organization, three of them under a charter and two under general law. Each of these different kinds of organization is capable of great variation in detail," Davies explained. "They aren't equally desirable hence it becomes a matter of which if any of these five options we want."

Continuing the present transition from the present operation of our county, but I believe it is worth a try," Day concluded.

Davies listed these advantages over general law:

It can change the manner of selecting key officials as clerk, assessor, treasurer and sheriff. It can provide for the interchange or consolidation of departments which general law wouldn't allow. It would make possible the transfer of administrative power to a county administrative officer. A reserve or sinking fund could be used for long term planning and development of programs with accompanying financial programs protected against diversion of capital funds to the operating budget. And counties can act in areas of local control where general law falls to act.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins
(Register and Tribune Syndicate 1961)

Robins Had Rough Home Life With Nest of Iron

The old neighborhood had drastically changed during the four years Mrs. Robin had lived in the vicinity. She had been born here in a soft, grass-lined, mud-plastered nest in a plum tree. The tree had been cut down, the entire landscape altered, and a factory built. A noisy factory that roared and often shook the entire area.

But it was still home ground to Mrs. Robin. And, there happened to be a suitable location, a crevice in a building, a secure place to hold a nest. But there was a terrible shortage of nesting materials.

With typical male ego, Mr. Robin brought a long strand of steel shaving to the selected nest site. Mrs. Robin looked at it with trepidation if not actual disgust. Probably the only reason she accepted it and gathered more by herself was only because her stupid husband insisted. She allowed him the satisfaction of thinking he was a man of some judgment.

Some of the steel shavings were bright and shiny; some were red with rust. The robins, by mutual consent, selected only the bright curls. Mrs. Robin wove the 'springy' stuff into a nest—a fuzzy looking job, but a reasonably good imitation of what her ancestors had always considered a suitable nursery for baby robins.

Appeared Proud

When the job was finished, Mr. Robin appeared proud of the work, especially of the material used. It reflected his judgment and wise selection,

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so he strutted and blustered. Long before the eggs hatched, Mrs. Robin, in desperation, lined the bottom of the nest with a few shreds of dried grass. But the entire circumference of the inner surface was just as rough and prickly as ever. In fact it was worse than ever, for the shavings had turned red with rust, and they were very brittle. Pieces kept breaking off and pricking her in the most unexpected places.

Silent Suffering

The baby robins, never having known any different condition, suffered in silence. They accepted their lot with resignation. They were philosophical. Never having rested their naked bodies on anything softer, they accepted their bed of pain, but they were anxious and willing to leave the parental nest early

NOTHING TO IT

Pittsburgh - (UP) - Catching a burglar is as easy as boarding a streetcar for Patrolman John McMahon. McMahon got a tip Sunday from a passerby that a man with a bundle of stolen clothes from a nearby store had just got on a trolley. McMahon ran to the next trolley stop, boarded the streetcar, and arrested Joseph Hutchison, 33, who was carrying merchandise from the clothing store.

in life. They were almost eager to face the world which could not possibly be as painful as their early babyhood.

Mrs. Robin was justifiably angry. She had every right to be. She had been over-inflated. Improvisation and imitation had just about punctured her ego. She had been trapped into building a nest of iron shavings. What made her furious was that she had listened to her dumb husband who, with typical male conceit and know-it-all attitude, displayed once again that his judgment was badly warped.

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