

Teacher Guide for Communism Urges Full Understanding

Editor's note: Teaching about communism in Oregon public high schools is being considered. This is the third of a series of four dispatches on a daring new program proposed by the State Department of Education.

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Salem — (UPI) — "Our ignorance of the communist system could well be the greatest single weapon in the arsenal of our mortal competitors." So states the teacher guide "Understanding the Nature of Communism" which was considered last week by the State Board of Education. Scheduled approval of the project was postponed to June to give board members more time to study the guide.

"As Americans we have often been slow and apathetic in our reactions to this new menace because we have failed to understand the nature of the aggressor," the teacher guide explains.

Accurate Presentation
Teachers are warned "communism and democracy need to be presented accurately and fairly; otherwise, what is presented will be discounted by youth and considered as propaganda."

It is recognized there is the danger of adverse public reaction to such a course. Teachers are cautioned to spend considerable time previewing classroom exhibits and films for "content, vocabulary and controversial issues in order to be better prepared to give direction to discussion by the students."

Instructors are asked to keep watch on the community pulse. After completion of the course, teachers are advised to determine if the reaction of parents has been understanding and favorable. Has the general public of the community received the study favorably and supported it? If not, upon what factors has this unfavorable attitude turned?

Work on the course began in 1961, shortly after Superintendent of Public Instruction Leon Minear took office.

The guide was prepared by teachers Robert L. Frantz and Wesley F. Johnson of Parkrose High School in cooperation with the State Education department.

The guide was referred to patriotic, professional and civic organizations and groups during the 1961-62 school year.

Goldwater Raps Mind Changers

Washington — (UPI) — Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) an Air Force reserve general, today criticized the "civilian Pentagon" for constantly changing its mind on weapons and concepts.

"I can tell you this," Goldwater said, "one of the simplest ways for this nation to disarm itself is to keep changing our minds every year about military concepts and weapons systems while the Russians push ahead with a single-minded purpose of becoming supreme in all military spheres and dimensions."

Goldwater made the statements in remarks prepared for delivery before the National Security commission of the American Legion.

Goldwater said: "I believe now we must understand that disarmament can be accomplished under present conditions by the simple expedient of not providing new military equipment, particularly in the fields of vehicles capable of carrying nuclear weapons; by slowing down research and development; by not pushing nuclear tests as fast as does the enemy."

He said the RS70 supersonic aircraft had been "abandoned," the Skybolt missile had been dropped, manned bombers were being phased out, the Nike-Zeus missile was being delayed, and the Dyna-Soar spacecraft was being "re-examined for possible junking."

On the other hand, he noted that Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara was showing interest in development of a long-range reconnaissance strike vehicle. But he added that he hoped McNamara would not "completely reverse his field in the space of one year" as on Skybolt.

NEEDS NO 'ROVER'
Columbia, S.C. — (UPI) — The state penitentiary admitted it was in the market for new talent but Wednesday turned down an inmate's application to be a "roving reporter."

Thalidomide Case Opens in Germany

Hamburg, Germany — (UPI) — An important court test case to decide whether the sleeping drug thalidomide caused deformities to unborn babies opened Wednesday.

The session lasted 45 minutes at the start of hearings on what a lawyer called the "children's Hiroshima" — the damage to thousands of unborn babies allegedly done by the drug.

The case was the first of a series of suits filed by 3,000 West German parents of deformed children against a company that manufactured the drug.

BILL FLOW SLOWS
Salem — (UPI) — The steady flow of bills into the 1963 legislature slowed abruptly to a trickle today — the 39th day of the session.

Southern Oregon High School Students Visit Dellenbacks

Several Southern Oregon high school students are getting a "capsule course in Oregon state government" again this year as guests of Representative and Mrs. John Dellenback of Jackson County.

Cooperating with school superintendents of valley high schools in the selection of students, the Dellenbacks plan to have 30 visitors from Phoenix, Cater, Prospect, Rogue River, St. Mary's Ashland, Medford, Eagle Point and Butte Falls.

Seven had already made the tour by last week.

The way the program is planned, and the same project was carried out by the Dellenbacks last session of the legislature, the students arrive in Salem Monday night. They make the trip by bus from Jackson County. Sometimes they start right into the governmental indoctrination Monday evening if there are meetings of committees, which Representative Dellenback thinks they will find interesting.

Tuesday morning the students serve as honorary pages in the House of Representatives, which gives them the privilege of being on the floor of the House. Tuesday afternoon the boys attend committee hearings and meetings and the girls go to the open house, which is held each Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Mark Hatfield in her home.

Wednesday mornings, Sen. Lynn Newberry arranges for the students to serve as pages on the floor of the Senate. Wednesday afternoon, they board the bus to return to their respective high schools.

Sometime during these activities in Salem the Dellenbacks arrange for the students to meet a number of state officials, including Gov. Mark O. Hatfield, Secretary of State Howell Appling,

State Treasurer Howard Belton, Sen. Ben Musa, president of the Senate; Speaker Clarence Batton of the House of Representatives, and Chief Justice William McAllister of the Supreme Court.

In addition to students selected for the tour by school authorities, the Dellenbacks have extended personal invitations to some members of the High School Sunday School class, instructed by Representative Dellenback at Westminster Presbyterian church.

"It is a fast indoctrination, and it is difficult to tell how much detail the students are able to assimilate in that short time," Mrs. Dellenback wrote in describing the project.

"But at least it gives them the opportunity to meet officials who have been merely names to them. And," Mrs. Dellenback stated, speaking from her own viewpoint, "it is one of the most pleasant parts of our stay at the legislature."

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