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"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Putnam.

Eating Crow

The last gasp of life in the "school case" was snuffed out this week by the Linn County Circuit Court. Judge Olliver tossed it out the window without so much as one meaty legal phrase being saved. No funds for costs in appealing stops the whole thing dead. The odor of its decay will soon depart. Our hats are off to those citizens who stated it would be dismissed.

Those on the pep squad for the school case must now live by the old saying, "It's not ours to reason why, but to do or die!" We nurse the belief that this matter will not shake Mill City's desire for good government, local or state.

The Enterprise hereby eats a lice-ridden Crow, feathers and all! Since the thing has been eaten, rejoice, it won't lie around stinking up our beautiful North Santiam! Salem and Albany papers please note. If any flying saucers are reported in the near future in this area, think nothing of it, it'll merely be our red faces.

Unconscious Arsonists

Psychologists may be enlisted to lick a vexing forest fire problem, say western forestry leaders.

Nine out of every ten man-caused forest fires start within 100 yards of main travelled roads and highways. Cigarettes thrown out of moving cars by careless motorists, campfires left unattended and uncontrolled debris burning are the major causes of blazes which take a toll of millions of dollars annually of valuable young trees and timber.

How to reduce this carelessness stumps forestry experts who have used every known method of education in recent years. True, points out W. D. Hagenstein, chief forester of Industrial Forestry Association, the number of man-caused forest conflagrations have been cut by two-thirds since 1940 with the advent of the Keep Green program in 36 states of the union.

"The crime," says Hagenstein, "is that we should lose any timber from preventable fires."

There is where the psychologists come into the picture. "Maybe they can tell us how to reach the very small percentage of the public," Hagenstein pointed out, "who still persist in careless and wanton acts. At least, it is worth a trial."

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Editorial Comments

"SOCIALIZED" COSTS

The International Labor Organization has compiled some interesting figures on costs and expenditures for social security in 24 countries. There are difficulties in translating other currency values into dollars and cents, but the conversion has been made by United Nations methods.

Total revenue receipts for this purpose in the United States are \$88.32 per capita, the ILO finds, while \$67.86 is paid out in benefits. Great Britain collects \$99.58 and disburses \$81.13; New Zealand, \$120.39 and \$111.68;

Belgium, \$82.01 and \$71.09; France, \$66.38 and \$62.03; Sweden, \$90.20 and \$85.45; Switzerland, \$70.54 and \$31.29.

The difference between the first and second figure in each case goes for administrative expenses and to build reserves. Collections for the future tend to be greater in Switzerland and America, for example, than in Sweden and Great Britain.

The most meaningful comparisons, however, probably are those which undertake to compute the percent of the national income devoted to old-age pensions, unemployment compensation, family benefits, and other forms of social security, including in many cases medical care and sickness or disability benefits.

In this scale the United States collects exactly 6 percent of its earnings in social security taxes, while Great Britain collects 12.9 percent, and other averages are: West Germany, 18.56 percent; Belgium 14.08; France 13.88; New Zealand 13.82; Sweden 11.56; Finland 10.62; the Netherlands 9.36; Switzerland 8.3; Canada, 8.26; Ireland 7.3; Italy 6.79; Greece 4.06; Turkey 2.18.

Whether one looks on the distributions of the welfare state as indications of advancement and promise or as threatening inroads on individual responsibility, some of these figures will give perspective to the argument. —From Christian Science Monitor.

MODERN ATHLETES NEED BOW TO NO ONE

Every now and then sports writers, when they run short of other things to talk about, discuss comparisons of modern-day athletes with the old-timers.

How would the best boxers, wrestlers, baseball and football players of today compare with those of yesterday? they speculate. And their answers are always inconclusive. There is no basis of comparison.

But in track and field events, in the public eye now because of the Olympic games at Helsinki, it's a different story. Old-time athletes competed against the clock and the measuring stick or tape. The moderns do the same.

The results are all on the side of the moderns. Athletes today run faster, jump higher or farther and throw greater distances than they ever did, until one wonders when the absolute limits will be reached.

A case in point is the Tulare, Cal., wonder athlete, Bob Mathias, who broke his own Olympic record in the decathlon at Helsinki the other day. Mathias in 9 of the 10 events bettered marks of the all-time great, Jim Thorpe, in the 1912 Olympics, some of them by startling margins.

In the 32 men's track and field events conducted at Helsinki the cream of the world's athletes smashed nine world records and 27 Olympic records, with the United States leading the way. (The Russians built up their big point total in gymnastics events.)

Our track and field stars would seem to prove that this age needs apologize to none in history when it comes to producing stalwart men. —From Oregon Journal.

CHICAGO FROM MOSCOW

Chicago as seen from Moscow is a gigantic hoax on the American people. The conventions, Soviet newspapers declare, are elaborate shows put on by "billionaire monopolists" to force on the people candidates who are nothing but tools of Wall Street.

Of course, the Chicago Tribune has

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Editor's Letter Box

Dear Mr. Peterson:

I read with interest, Mr. Turpin's letter in last week's paper. I particularly agree with the last two paragraphs in which Mr. Turpin states: "If our major political parties can create a good economy and good times based on war, by the same token, why can't they do the same in time of peace? It can be done. Good times created by war is false prosperity."

It is my belief that economic crises will always be with us under our economic system. Our great president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, took over as head of the country in the depths of a depression and he did many things to bring immediate relief. He also instituted such measures as social security, unemployment compensation, minimum wage laws, and better conditions for trade union organizations. The people didn't re-elect Roosevelt for nothing. Today, the Democratic party pays lip service to the Roosevelt policies and program, particularly around the time of a national election, because they know that this is what the majority of people want. After an election, as in 1948, nothing is done to carry forward this program.

I submit that today there is NO difference between the Republican and Democratic parties. They both stand for war. They both agree on a program of witch-hunting and name-calling, on excessive profits for the monopolies, high taxes, ad nauseum. Their differences are on strategy—not policy.

What choice do we have today for president and vice president. On the one hand, we have General Eisenhower, hand-picked by Wall Street, the man who has yet to voice a definite opinion on any major issue. His running-mate is Richard Nixon, who helped draft the anti-labor Taft-Hartley law, the McCarran police state act, the Mundt-Nixon bill to suppress our civil rights.

Then, there's the Democratic ticket, Adlai Stevenson, who says he belongs to no one. Let's not be fooled. There was no ground-swell at the convention for Stevenson. He was Truman's choice, and Kefauver, whether better or worse, didn't have a chance. Stevenson's running-mate is Sen. John Sparkman, the Dixiecrat senator from Alabama, picked by the Truman machine to hold the south in line.

I challenge the theory that this country is limited to two parties and that their candidates, hand-picked by a few men, are the only choice the people have. No, you don't have to vote for an Eisenhower or a Stevenson. You can vote for peace, civil liberties, labor and minority rights. You can vote for Vincent Hallinan and Charlotta Bass, Progressive party candidates for president and vice president.

You may say, "They don't have a chance to be elected—I'm throwing away my vote!" This is a fallacious argument. True, we need not delude ourselves that they will win, but a tremendous vote for them and for the people's platform for which they stand, will serve as a warning to the two other parties that we want peace, NOW, lower taxes, lower food costs, equal privileges and opportunities for everyone, regardless of color or creed, more government spending for schools, hospitals, education, and less for armaments. Sincerely, RUTH STOVALL, Box 445, Mill City.



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Well, What Do You Know?

Do you believe in a bunch of old tales about lightning—about how it's attracted by cats or the warmth of cattle... how it never strikes in the same place twice... or how it's liable to turn milk sour? Lots of people often do—but they're wrong.

Dad Hawkins inspired this column today. He's really studied up on lightning since his own cow barn was struck that time.

"Trouble is, most of us don't know half enough about the subject," Dad says. "And about half of what we do know is false!"

From where I sit, Dad's statement applies to a lot of things besides lightning. Too many people think they know their neighbor's wrong when he votes for his candidate instead of theirs. Some people even resent our right to enjoy a friendly glass of beer if and when we choose. Opinions based on misinformation and prejudice, instead of being "grounded" on true facts can cause more damage than lightning ever did.

Joe Marsh

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been saying much the same thing about the success of the Republican progressives, thus illustrating anew the adage that extremes meet. But Moscow goes further in insisting that the differences between Republican and Democratic candidates are immaterial, since Wall Street will pull the strings whoever wins.

It is true that the Eisenhower nomination insures that both parties will campaign in the coming election on a basis of liberal internationalism so far as foreign policy goes, and that "millionaire liberals" in both parties have played or are playing a part in the nominations. But the Moscow charge should make interesting reading to the labor leaders whose influence in the Democratic convention has been visible to the naked eye, and to

the vast number of alert, well-informed grassroots-Americans who formed a substantial part of the Eisenhower ground swell.

But the men in the Kremlin have never learned the difference between a ground swell and an underground plot, between grass-roots sentiment and greenback influence. They should not confuse the people watching the Chicago conventions with the cattle in the adjacent stockyards.—From Christian Science Monitor.



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