

# Movie Maker DeMille Asks End To Closed Shop

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Movie maker Cecil B. DeMille asked congress today to prohibit the closed shop and "free" workers "from a serfdom unparalleled in American history since the abolition of slavery."

Terming the power of the closed shop union absolute, the Hollywood producer declared it controls "the right to work" and thereby "the right to live."

It is "a grotesque departure from American democracy," DeMille told the senate labor committee.

The witness said he was "deprived of the right to work" for refusing "to pay a political assessment" of one dollar levied by his union, the American Federation of Radio Artists.

Referring to an incident in the 1944 election, DeMille said his local made the assessment as part of its campaign against a state election proposal which he favored.

"For this adherence to my political right, I was suspended by AFRA—and, under the provisions of the union shop, prevented from appearing on the radio program which I had produced for more than eight years," DeMille said.

"A worker in a closed shop can be stripped of his right to work if he dissents from a union majority," DeMille asserted, adding:

"This is not democracy. It is collectivist absolutism. There is not an iota of difference in principle between it and the dictatorship we defeated. . . ."

"Hitler and Mussolini had their majorities. Did that make them right?"

Declaring that "union power" was an issue in the last election, DeMille added:

"The people had had 15 years of the policy which gave unlimited power to the unions. They were promised reform. They accepted that promise and elected a congress pledged to fulfill it."

"They did not vote to destroy unions, but to restore equality and freedom in labor relations."

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# Coyotes Seen Sheep Menace

SALEM, Feb. 14 (AP)—The bounty system is not solving eastern Oregon's coyote problem, but the state game commission has not found the answer, Charles Lockwood, member of the commission, told the senate game committee at a public hearing here Thursday.

Walter Holt, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers association, said the coyote menace is more serious than ever before, and asked that hunters be retained in the field to kill the animals.

W. E. Williams, Portland Union stockyards, said Oregon's sheep population dropped 60 per cent in the past 12 years, and he said a large part of this reduction was caused by coyotes. He also said the bounty system is inadequate.

Paul Quick of the biological survey said 10,000 coyotes were killed in Oregon last year by professional hunters, at an average cost of \$11 per killing. He said the increase in coyotes was caused by a wartime shortage of hunters.

# Fish Trap Bill Eyed In Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 14 (AP)—A measure to abolish fish traps in Alaskan waters was before the Territorial Governor Ernest Gruening today.

It was approved by the senate yesterday after amendment to abolish the traps for 10 years instead of five. The house acceded to the amendment.

Gubernatorial approval would place the proposal on the 1948 general election ballot.

# Growers To Hear Speech

Four topics of distinct interest to all Klamath basin growers will be discussed at the Tulelake Growers association meeting to be held February 19, 6:30 p.m. at the Sportsmans hotel, Tulelake.

A special invitation has been extended to Charles A. Henderson, Klamath county agent, Malcolm Epley, managing editor of The Herald and News, and growers of Klamath county to attend this meeting.

Qualified speakers will present the subjects dealing with certified seed barley, marketing of vegetable crops, California marketing act and a report of studies of the Bay area potato markets.

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# Henley Sheep Club Founded

The Henley Sheep club was organized Sunday, February 9, at the home of I. W. White, local leader, with 10 club members present.

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: president, Richard Hill; vice president, Robert Hill; secretary-treasurer, Eleanor Jackson; news reporter, Betty Brandejesky, and song and yell leader, Burt Mack.

Project material was given to each club member. Francis Skinner, county club agent, discussed with the members the keeping of a complete record of their sheep project. Skinner also discussed a sheep shearing school which is to be held in Portland in the near future. The County News Writing contest was discussed.

The members decided to fine

a member 10 cents for disorderly conduct at meetings and 25 cents for being late to meetings without a good reason.

Refreshments were served to the club by Mrs. I. W. White.

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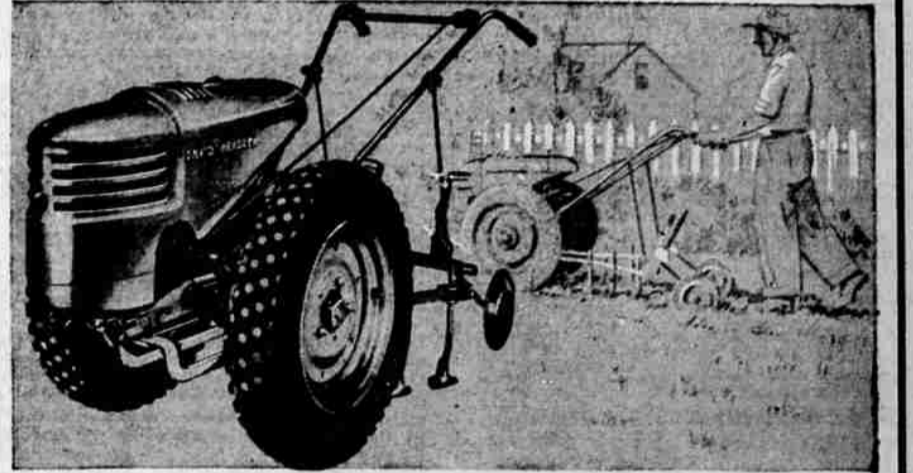
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