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No Lobby

By LILL JENKINS

Sitting around shooting the breeze with Harry Boivin the other day about the opening of the Oregon Legislature and other matters when he pointed out a pretty significant little fact.

"The taxpayers," he said "are the only group in the country who don't have a powerful lobby."

I suppose this remark has been made before, but when you strip it of its cynical implications it has a shattering truth hidden at the core.

The taxpayer is a mere blob in a mute body of demi-wishes expressed in the symbolism of spending oneself rich.

It would be interesting to see what would happen if a real taxpayer's revolt came along.

I should imagine it would make the Cuban troubles seem like a kindergarten ruckus over who threw the eraser at teacher.

In comparison to the effective complaint of the taxpayer over confiscatory taxation the voice in the wilderness is a veritable gospel.

People are always going about saying that now is the time for plain talk. Putting it as plainly as I know how I would say that now is the time for less imagination and more guts when it comes to taxation.

No matter how attractive the chimera of something for nothing, known as government service, it always ends up in the same tragic pile of blood and bones.

And you all know whose blood and bones are involved.

Oh well, maybe 1959 will bring a change.

But I'm not going to hold my breath while I wait.

Maybe there was an omen for the year, however. I noticed that out around our place in the pines the fog which had plagued us for several days lifted at almost precisely midnight and the stars peeped down on a nice clean world.

Portents are portents, but all the same you gotta believe in something.

Also about two o'clock a coyote chorus went up from the hill, answered with deep basso bays from the basement as the two dogs returned the greeting.

In the East this is the Year of the Wild Boar.

Maybe over here it is the year of the wild coyote.

Every year we get a few queries as to why the lookout atop Hogback is manned so late in the year. This is brought about because people see lights up there at night. The lookout is not manned, those lights are automatic and come on at certain temperature readings to provide thawing heat on the radio equipment there.

Peek At 1959

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

It's risky trying to gaze at a crystal ball with bloodshot eyes, but as this is written, the first day of the new year of 1959 is unfolding.

My crystal ball is a little hazy and cobwebby from disuse, but I gave it a lick and a polish today, and here's what I saw for the coming year.

Locally: (1) Kingsley Field activated between April 15 and May 1. (2) One large firm announcing intentions to locate in this area early in the year, and perhaps another before the year is out. (3) A continued high level of construction in the area, including at least two big projects in the housing and apartment line. (4) Some shakeups in administrative circles, and (5) At least one scandal involving a public official.

Not too much to look forward to in the year of 1959, but indications are that the area will have a busy, prosperous, expanding year of 1959.

Now, shifting gears, let's take a look at the national scene.

(1) Accent shifts to space projects, and during 1959 the U.S. should send a man into space, send reconnaissance rockets to the vicinity of Mars and Venus, and a rocket to the moon. (2) President Eisenhower will face a hostile Congress, and will turn more and more to the people, and a three-way battle for the Democratic spotlight will develop between Hubert Humphrey, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. (3) U.S. will abandon some overseas bases, probably those in Morocco. (4) Field of medicine will feature big advances in grafting of bones and organs, and new advances in cancer research.

On the international scene—(1) Russia and Red China will drift farther apart on basic issues. (2) Berlin crisis will continue to grow, will look like war, but will not

erupt into fighting in 1959. (3) Nasser will slip considerably during 1959 in his battle to unite the Arab world. (4) New Red Chinese military moves in Indochina and against Thailand. (5) Mao Tse-tung and Chiang Kai-shek both may step down in 1959.

And while I'm in the forecasting mood, I'll predict that not all my predictions will come true. My crystal ball works on the principle that my guess is as good as anyone else's.

Forecast

By FLORENCE JENKINS

"The dawn of a New Year always brings good resolutions, inventory and white sales. This new 1959 is slated to be a year of brisker business and greater profits, if the prognosticators are to be given credence.

Research is expected to put a host of new products on the market which will practically revolutionize living and maybe even thinking. Wonder drugs of yesterday will be replaced with new discoveries requiring newly coined Hollywood superlatives to describe them. Perhaps we'll get our complete protein from a capsule (instead of the yolk of an egg) and already, little booster pills are being made heart-shaped for happiness, and tinted pink to complete the illusion.

Bearings coated with a new plastic will eliminate the necessity for lubricating automobiles, scientists predict. The new plastic will also invade the culinary department. Already in the test stage are cooking utensils which will fry eggs without sticking even though the pans are ungreased.

The petroleum industry racked up an estimated 10 per cent additional sales through the late unlamented hula hoop and the new Eskimo yo-yo continues the use of rubber and plastic.

In this age of specialization, perhaps some forward-thinking person or group of persons can devise a formula which would result in world harmony.

On the other hand, perhaps the answer lies with the individual. Starting with some fundamental, such as the Golden Rule, perhaps universal harmony could be achieved by establishing harmony between individuals first, then families, communities, states and countries.

The sphere of influence of the individual has never been measured by scientific computation. Constructive thinking is far-reaching and the results may be infinite.

Right here in the Klamath Basin, each of us in his own way can work toward the realization of a brighter, happier and more rewarding New Year.

Let's give it a try.

Home Menace

By NELSON REED

Any of you mere males ever meander through one of the gals' style magazines that come to your house? Maybe you're missing something. You sure will be if the Little Woman gets a yen for one of those "foundations" or "creations" from 'Imagines' or "Peek & Peek's."

Don't blame the poor gals if they get led astray after reading ads like this: "If shy men sigh for you and strong men fight for you . . . if phones keep ringing day and night for you . . . (better take it easy sister, I hear the cops are tough in this town)."

And those ads for the "stretchy-squeezies" that hold you in while they let you run loose. Bet no local sawbones ever put a stethoscope on a "fizzer" like that. And in spite of all those fancy words I'll bet my shootin' money that no boneless, rubber straight jacket would make a Dior model out of a Main Street matron, any more

than Ben Hogan's pants would make a golfer out of a Reames duffer.

And just think — up to a year ago only the Duchess of Windsor, Greta Garbo, Brenda Frazer, Lily Pons and such could buy that gook to smear on their faces that any gal can have now — if she'll just mortgage the house.

If she really wants to shoot the works, Liz Arden's Pine Smelly Village in Maine will fix her up pretty. She can eat butterless breakfasts that taste of dripping butter but ain't. She can shoot a bow and arrow, roll a hoop and have her hair brushed "outdoors." She could, too, out in Moore Park if the little men with the white coats didn't come along.

And in the evening she can look as devastating as she wants, the ad says. Now what gal wants to devastate a bunch of other gals when no males are around, I ask you.

I think such literature should be barred from the mails or maybe I mean males.

The Cuba Story

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba has arrived at one of the most agonizing hours in her 50 years as an independent republic.

The flight of President Fulgencio Batista could signal a wave of bloodshed for this prosperous country of 6 1/2 million people. But there is a ray of hope.

There are thousands of the heads in Havana thirsting for revenge. There are others, including armed Communists, who could deliberately touch off the riots to damage both sides and reap benefits from chaos.

If that happens, there is a grave possibility of U.S. military intervention in Cuba. There are thousands of U.S. citizens in Cuba and American investments in this country are close to one billion dollars.

American intervention in a Latin American revolution would be welcomed by the entire Communist world as a propaganda victory with loud repercussions throughout the Western Hemisphere.

However, only Wednesday in Washington the State Department reiterated that the United States has no intention of sending troops to Cuba.

The new and apparently weak government in Havana headed by a provisional president, Carlos Prío, clamped down on news of the dramatic New Year's Day events. But censorship could not stop the news from spreading rapidly throughout this capital.

In the first hours Havana remained astonishingly calm — perhaps too calm. The U.S. Embassy watched anxiously for any portent of events to come, and was in constant touch with Washington.

There was just a glimmer of hope, Fidel Castro's rebel movement apparently will reject the new regime. But there was a possibility the departure of Batista could open the way for some sort of approach between the two sides to mediate the costly civil war.

No approach was possible while Batista remained in Cuba. There simply was not room enough in this country for both Castro and Batista. One had to go.

Castro now is in a position where he can, if he wills, hold out for all or nothing. If he does, that will be costly for this country. There are thousands in Havana alone whose lives would be endangered and those elements of the army who felt themselves imperiled would put up a bitter last-ditch fight.

But the rebel leader also is in a position now to prove to the outside world that he can be a statesman and a patriot. At the moment he seems to be the

strongest and most popular man in the country.

Castro probably can win out in most of his demands without carrying the civil war into this capital and risking heavy bloodshed. Perhaps he feels he cannot do business with the men Batista left behind to conduct the new government.

Everything depends upon the next two or three days. If a way can be found out of the impasse, there is a possibility that Castro is strong and confident enough to take it. If he does, Cuba can be saved.

Otherwise Cuba, the Cubans, and, indeed, the United States — all will be losers. The only possible winner from sustained chaos here will be world communism.

Labor Relations

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rash of 1958's year-end strikes overshadowed the fact that the overwhelming majority of labor-management negotiations last year ended peacefully.

But those strikes which immediately and directly affect the public, such as those against airlines and New York newspapers, raise questions.

Can the public be protected against a repetition? Can such strikes be banned? What will Congress do?

No federal law forbids such strikes. Congress rejected the principle of a strike ban when it fashioned the Taft-Hartley Act in 1947. It's unlikely to change its mind in 1959 as a result of what happened in 1958.

Public inconvenience — last year only small segments of the public were affected — has to be balanced against the freedom of workers to strike and of employers to shut their plants and freedom for both to settle their own problems.

A change in congressional thinking would appear more probable if the time came when a strike damaged the nation as a whole so badly that it seemed necessary to prevent a repetition in order to avoid disaster.

Even then Congress almost certainly would not forbid strikes generally but aim, instead, at key industries broadly affecting the public. Likely targets: such public utilities as railroads, airlines, telephones, buses, electric power.

But how could there be a fair settlement in those fields if labor, to enforce its demands, could not strike and management, to put pressure on a union, could not shut down its plant?

To try to be fair to both sides, Congress probably would require compulsory arbitration. An outsider would be appointed to listen to both sides and then give a decision binding on both.

Organized labor as a whole, treasuring its freedom to strike for what it demands, is against compulsory arbitration which could force it to accept what it did not want. Management probably would oppose compulsory arbitration, too.

Congress itself turned down the idea of compulsory arbitration when it was passing the Taft-Hartley Act. So did one of the law's authors, the late Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio.

There are two major labor laws: the Railway Labor Act, covering railroads and airlines; and Taft-Hartley, covering most other interstate business and industry.

The Railway Act does not forbid a strike but has built-in machinery for delaying one while efforts are made to get a settlement. It's the same with Taft-Hartley.

Under T-H when the President thinks a walk-out might damage the national welfare, he can prevent a strike for 60 days. But under both acts, when all tries at a settlement fail, the strike can start.

At year's end no one seemed more pleased at the way labor and management got along in 1958 than Secretary of Labor Mitchell.

His department put out a statement this week which said 1958 was one of the best years on record. The number of man-days lost through strike idleness was lower than any postwar year except 1957.

Mitchell praised what he called the "statesmanship" and "maturity" of labor and management for their record in collective bargaining in 1958.

Quotes

United Press International
SANTIAGO DE CUBA — Rebel leader Fidel Castro, on arriving in Santiago:

"At last we have arrived in Santiago de Cuba. The road was long and hard but we arrived. At 2 p. m. we will be in the capital of the republic (Havana)."

They'll Do It Every Time

WHEN MRS. BULLISTER TALKS TO THE STORE CREDIT MAN ABOUT OPENING AN ACCOUNT—SHE GLOWS LIKE SO—

Y4-45—MY HUSBAND IS PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDER OF VERTIGO VERDIGRIS MINES—WE LIVE IN A TEN-BEDROOM HOUSE IN SNOOTINGTON MANOR—WITH TWO SWIMMING POOLS—SHAPED LIKE OUR COAT OF ARMS, BY THE WAY—AND, OH, YES—OUR SUMMER PLACE IS ON FLATMINK BAY—

By Jimmy Hado

BUT LISTEN IN WHEN THE DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT IS TRYING TO GET A LITTLE INFO CREDIT-WISE—

MY HUSBAND WORKS ON AND OFF FOR A FLY-BY-NIGHT MINING OUTFIT—WE LIVE IN A LITTLE BUNGALOW WITH TEN SMALL CHILDREN—IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO MAKE ENDS MEET, WHAT WITH THE PRICE OF BREAD THE WAY IT IS—I HOPE THE DOCTOR ISN'T TOO EXPENSIVE—

SHE'S HEARD IT ALL BEFORE

THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO W. A. ALEXANDER, ATLANTA, GA.

Holiday Prank Fatal To Two

SAN CARLOS, Ariz. (AP) — A senseless New Year's Day prank backfired into tragedy when a dynamite explosion killed two persons, hospitalized eight others and splintered a one-room house.

Mike Windham, criminal investigator for the Indiana Bureau, said Deb Hinton, 27, a miner, brought home some dynamite from a nearby mine. A holiday group of 10 Indians jammed Hinton's small house on the San Carlos Reservation for a party. After midnight, they started tossing lighted dynamite sticks. One of the sticks dropped into a box containing other sticks setting off the blast.

Hinton and his sister, Mrs. Nona Peaches, 17, were killed. Five of the injured were in critical condition. Several had limbs blown off or so badly mangled they had to be amputated. All were blinded, at least temporarily.

Hospitalized were the dead man's brother, Sam; his wife, Gloria, 26; a sister, Manuelita, 19; Sam Hinton's wife, Frieda, and their unidentified infant child, Norbert Dennis and McGillis Mallow.

Brush Fire Near Control

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Firemen held the upper hand over the 10,000-acre Topanga Canyon brush fire today.

They said the blaze, which destroyed 80 homes and cabins and forced 4,000 residents to flee, was 60 per cent controlled. They expect to have it under complete control by tonight.

The fire broke out near Woodland Hills, 20 miles northwest of Los Angeles, Wednesday morning and raced nine miles through the canyon to the sea.

A second big New Year's Eve brush fire in the Hollywood hills near Beverly Hills was brought under control Thursday after turning 650 acres and threatening homes of many movie stars. Two homes were burned.

Fire department officials blamed both fires on arsonists.

EMPLOYEES DROP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) reported today the number of federal employees dropped 765 in November from the October total of 2,353,482.

Technician's Death Cause Cited By Medical Expert

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — A medical expert says a technician killed by radiation in a Los Alamos atomic laboratory died from damage to his central nervous system.

He also says it may have been the first death of that type outside of war.

Dr. Thomas Shipman, head of the health division of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, says it was "more than damage to the bone marrow-blood forming system that caused the death."

Cecil W. Kelley, 38, who had worked in the atomic laboratory about 11 years, died Thursday, 36 hours after the accident.

Trapped Woman Fails To Get Aid From Bystander

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The man didn't get excited because a woman was waving her arms and yelling for help from the 14th floor of City Hall. He calmly walked away.

Mrs. Norma T. Miller, a cartographer for the city, had accidentally locked herself in a store-room and was beginning to think she might have to spend New Year's Day there.

A second man saw her. He waved back.

Finally, a woman saw her and called police, who ended her 45-minute ordeal.

SAFETY SCHOOL

MOUNT SHASTA—Orneal Koopers, superintendent of the Mount Shasta Elementary School District, will again head the instructions on ski safety, equipment and general practices in an indoor schooling which will be held in the Mount Shasta High School Auditorium Thursday evening, January 8.

He will also instruct a class on the high school football field a week later. Both sessions run from 7:15 until 8:30 p.m. These schoolings are preliminary to the big school which will open in the Ski Bowl on January 17.

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Oregon Notes Three Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oregon's death toll for 1959 in street and highway accidents stood at three today.

The death of Charles Griffith, 66, of Albany on New Year's Eve pushed the 1958 death toll to 448, which was one per cent below the toll for 1957.

But the three fatalities Thursday marred the start of the new year. The dead were Gordon Rhoads, about 19, of Warm Springs; Charles Orville Varney, 39, of the Joseph area; and Mrs. Barbara Eaton, 27, of Portland.

Mrs. Eaton's death orphaned her five young children. She was killed when thrown from her car when it hit a railing on a Portland boulevard.

Varney was killed when his truck left the road near Joseph and Rhoads was fatally injured when his car plunged over an embankment 10 miles north of Madras.

POPULATION RECORD

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Census Bureau estimates that the U.S. population will hit a record high of 175,600,000 today and climb to about 180 million during 1959.



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