

Herald and News Editorial Page

United Fund Drive Faces Failure

With the Klamath County United Fund in the closing stages of the second week of the drive, there is certainly cause for pessimism as to its final outcome.

With a goal of \$135,309, the United Fund organization this year faces its greatest challenge, when it is considered that the Fund fell short of a smaller goal last year.

We are certain that the requests of the various participating agencies are valid. Considerable discussion on the part of the budget committee of the Fund, and final review by the board of directors of the Fund removed even the slightest element of "fat" in any of the requests. Some requests were cut below

what was regarded as minimum requirements by the agencies involved.

It seems almost unnecessary to point out that if United Fund effort fails in Klamath county, we face the awful prospect of numerous "campaigns," "drives," and nuisance requests at the office and at home. While United Fund is not perfect, it is, nonetheless, the closest thing to perfection that we can come up with, and deserves support.

The fault does not lie entirely with the donors. Workers and solicitors must share in the blame for the failure of United Fund. But, this is not the time for fault-picking. Rather, now is the time for all of us to share in getting the job done.

The Vital Ingredient

The great East-West struggle is made infinitely more tantalizing for Americans by the fact that the democracy we would like to see flourish around the world is one of the most difficult of all "political plants" to nurture.

Too easily we forget our own hazardous beginnings after the Revolution. The British, another fabled example, took centuries to learn how to just "muddle through."

But we don't have to look to history for testimony. In several countries around the globe where democracy either had a foothold or a bright promise, the experiment has now been abandoned at least temporarily and military commanders hold power.

The list includes Egypt, which now is part of the United Arab Republic, Turkey, Iraq, Pakistan, Thailand and—most recently—Korea. Brazil evidently missed joining this company by only a narrow margin.

The internal and external political currents that led to a military take-over differed, of course, in every case. But there were also some common threads.

Even where the democratic impulse is reasonably strong, there usually is a lack of men with civilian governing experience. Army leaders are trained administrators—and they already hold within their grasp the vital police power any rational leader must wield.

From the most intensely practical viewpoint, military men are often moved to act to assure that they and their costly establishment will continue to be paid and supported.

Thus military commanders are almost inevitably the inheritors of power when democracy falters. They alone appear to be able to bring some semblance of order out of chaos.

Why does democracy falter in such countries as these?

The reasons naturally are varied and complex. But it is abundantly clear that in virtually all the newly independent lands no tradition of self-government, of individual freedom, exists.

Not only is there no corps of trained civilians to govern. There is deep ignorance of the world in which the country is suddenly plunged, and almost equal ignorance of the new nation's own domestic problems.

Democracy is not so hardy a growth that it can be grafted onto a shaky framework as this.

It is common to say that democracy will not prosper in lands where there are not full stomachs. This may well be true. Yet it may be wise to add that full stomachs are not the only prerequisite.

Democracy demands educated and aroused minds—and much of the world about us still has far too few of these.

No Need For Moth Balls

Bigger central government means more state control and planning of everything from business activity to what children are taught in local schools. Its record throughout the world is destruction of individual liberty and opportunity. Yet the federal government in its bureaucratic wisdom now seeks to protect the people from themselves in yet another way. Proposed legislation would create a national wilderness system of 55 million acres, within which there could be no disturbing of either the face or the processes of nature. No timber harvesting would be allowed; no roads could be constructed; recreational value would be restricted and exploration for minerals or oil would be seriously hampered.

Every citizen has the right to expect that wild areas will be retained for the enjoyment of future generations, free from the intrusion of four-lane freeways, hot dog stands and litterbugs. This is part of our heritage and should never be destroyed. But moth-balling

55 million acres is not necessary for this purpose, and would have serious economic effect.

Forest, mineral and oil resources in wilderness areas can be adequately developed without detracting from the wild beauty of the land where they are located—and often such development is of real benefit. Experience has shown that a well managed forest protects watersheds, and increases the opportunities for hunting and fishing. Managed forests also sustain a minimum of economic loss, due to fire, insects and disease. Unmanaged forest areas without access roads are a danger to other timber lands adjacent to them, and are of little recreational value, since few people have the time or means for traveling through them.

In developing a national program, a fact to be remembered is that conservation and productive use of land, in no way conflicts with the goal of establishing more wilderness parks and recreational areas.



Taylor Says Strong Stand Is Vital To Berlin Peace Issue

Editor's Note: After a career as industrialist, journalist and author, Henry J. Taylor was called to serve the Eisenhower administration as ambassador to Switzerland. From his viewpoint as a diplomat Taylor has analyzed the Berlin crisis and the outlook for solving it. In the following interview he makes a plea to stand firm against Soviet demands.

By BRUCE AGNEW
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Henry J. Taylor, former U.S. ambassador to Switzerland, said today the possibility of any final compromise settlement between

East and West on Berlin and East Germany is "exceedingly remote."

Taylor, a journalist, author and economist as well as a diplomat, said he was convinced, however, that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev would not knowingly go to war over Berlin.

"That is why our strong stand in Berlin is the key to peace," Taylor said.

Taylor said Western recognition of East Germany—demanded by Khrushchev—would amount to abandoning the people of East Germany and formalizing "the control of an occupation tyranny."

"On the Russian side, he said, 'Khrushchev could settle this problem in 10 seconds, over the telephone, merely by doing what the U.S.S.R. agreed in the beginning to do, namely, hold free elections in Germany.'"

But he said Khrushchev knew that a free election would mean a Communist defeat.

"Therefore, any possibility of so-called 'compromise' seems to me exceedingly remote," he said.

A Contrived Crisis
Taylor called the Berlin situation "a contrived crisis."

"Fundamentally," he said, "Khrushchev's Berlin attack is a typical probing operation, basic in Communist strategy. In this respect it differs not at all from the Red Chinese probe against Formosa's offshore islands."

"None of the elements of a genuine crisis exist, as distinguished from the true problems of the world—such as Algeria, the roots of which are deep in history, racial differences, and other profoundly complex ingredients."

Taylor rejected the idea of diplomatic recognition of East Germany on historic as well as moral grounds.

"West Germany and East Germany (including East Berlin) are as much a unit as Manhattan and the Bronx," he said. "One of the basic criticisms of the Versailles Treaty was the artificial formation of separate countries

out of single entities and the attempt to erect individual governments, for buffer purposes or otherwise, which had no self-sustaining means.

No Government Exists
"There is no government in East Germany today unless you would call the wartime Quisling government in Norway a government."

"The dominant issue (in recognizing East Germany), of course, would be the willingness of the free world to abandon the East Germans and formalize the control of an occupation tyranny which has no more right to be there than any other kidnaper has, a right to hold a victim at gunpoint and every other form of duress."

Taylor said he believed the situation in Berlin was frozen, but added that the division of the city was not unique in the world. "It somewhat parallels the situation of North and South Korea, Viet Nam, etc.," he said.

"The Iron Curtain in Europe is the line to which the Red Army advanced in the war and stayed," Taylor said. "They will stay wherever they are and go forward wherever they can. And this is why and how they impede world peace and the liberty of free men."

On other East-West issues, Taylor was as strongly opposed to recognition of Red China as to acceptance of East Germany.

"Quite aside from the morals involved, I have never heard it suggested that American recognition of Red China, or its admission to the United Nations would not be an enormous coup for Red China, not only in China but throughout Southeast Asia and the whole Communist and free world," he said. "I do not see how you defeat communism by helping it to succeed."

Khrushchev Picks Time
Taylor said the reason that U.S.-Soviet confrontations keep resulting in frozen situations is that Khrushchev picks the time and place for crisis.

"Khrushchev deliberately picks places where geography and other matters make our position vulnerable. When he moves we look as if we are at a great disadvantage because we are," he said.

The United States would find it difficult getting Khrushchev at a similar disadvantage because the Communists have interior lines, not exposed positions, Taylor said.

He admitted however that Cuba appeared to be an exposed position. "The Cuban debacle was one of the most profound tragedies of the whole post-war era," he said. "If we could not turn back Communist imperialism in Cuba, where on earth can we do it?"

"This failure (the Pigs Bay invasion) was not due to insurmountable conditions," he said. "It was due to a debacle in American policy and planning."

Ten patients spent a total of 242 days in the chamber. The effects of varying temperatures and barometric conditions were studied. But no single climatic factor could be shown to produce any consistent change in the affected joints. Nevertheless, the experimenters still believe (as do most arthritics) that weather conditions influence both joint swelling and joint pain.

The child who does not develop a heart complication during the course of an acute attack of rheumatic fever will probably not develop this complication at a later time.

Therefore, the physicians of New York's Irvington House do not recommend a long period of bed rest for the youngster whose heart appears normal during and immediately after the acute attack. Thus both patient and parents are

Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Thursday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of the year with 101 to follow in 1961.

The moon is approaching its full phase.

The morning star is Venus.

The evening stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1784, the Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser, the first daily newspaper published in the United States, appeared in Philadelphia.

In 1792, France was proclaimed a republic.

In 1807, an editor of the New York Sun wrote an editorial in response to the letter of an eight-year-old New York girl who wanted to know if there was a Santa Claus. The famed reply, which has earned a place in history began: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

A thought for today: British writer H. G. Wells said: "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe."

Answers to previous puzzles:

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