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Leisure or Self-Respect?

(This editorial was taken from an advertisement run in a national magazine by Warner & Swasey, Cleveland, Ohio, precision machinery manufacturers. Most of their ads are of this type and we feel they are performing a great service to the American people with their common sense thoughts.—T.M.B.)

Been in the stores lately? Hats "made in Italy." Cameras "made in Japan." Shoes "made in Hong Kong," tools "made in Germany," and automobiles made in Germany, England, Italy, Sweden, and soon, they say, Russia. And of course that means American dollars shipped out of this country by the billions to pay for all these things—and American jobs gone forever.

Dollars and jobs shipped abroad mean eventual depression at home, with relief for the jobless, more debt, higher taxes. Many experts say this nation could not survive another such downward spiral.

Why this sudden inability of America—once the great manufacturing nation—to compete, to hold its markets and jobs? Because shorter and shorter hours at more and more pay has for years been the goal of millions in this country. Of course, costs and prices go up; of course people buy lower-cost goods from abroad.

Is America beaten? Can we get those jobs back in time to forestall a crushing depression? Only if the emphasis changes from leisure to value—the principle that built America in the first place. Only if people earn their higher pay by producing enough more for it, and so keeping this nation free from dependence and depression.

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Sen. A. Yturri Continues Discussion Of Reorganization in Weekly Report

By Senator Anthony Yturri
 (You will be interested to know that Senate bill No. 417 which exempts from ad valorem leases of federal lands by cattlemen for grazing purposes, passed the Senate this week by a vote of 27 to 2. The matter now rests for disposition by the House.)

There are objections to certain aspects of the reorganization program as outlined last week. Some of these objections are prompted by fear of the unknown. Others are generated by department heads who fear that in some mysterious fashion their duties may be altered. Other objections are no doubt valid.

The first thing that should be clearly understood is that there is no intent in the reorganization program to change the functions or duties or powers of most of the existing major agencies. Reorganization means merely modernization and realignment. There are those who feel the highway commission and highway department should retain their present autonomous position and powers of policy-making.

Perhaps this is right and sponsors of the reorganization program have no objection to permitting this situation to continue. There is also objection to the placement of the Travel Information bureau in the Department of Planning and Development, although it more logically fits into the latter category. This, too, can be left unchanged.

In general, there is agreement that the superintendent of public instruction should be appointed rather than elected. However, there is opposition to the appointment of the labor commissioner rather than his election by the people. In this area we can also leave his position unchanged.

Agency Consolidation Disputed

The fish and game people are in dispute and opposition to the consolidation of these two agencies into one. Again, we can leave the two divisions separate. The same applies to the separation of the water resources board and the state engineer's office. The reorganization plan proposes the consolidation of these two agencies. Opponents disagree. Sponsors are willing to leave the two agencies separate.

To make a long story short—the principal problem of the sponsors is to establish the seven different departments and to place within such departments the different divisions whether they be consolidated or separate. This would at least result in agencies performing similar services being within one department.

As time goes by, we can determine whether or not the divisions or agencies should continue and the wisdom of the legislature, after experience, will determine whether further consolidations are necessary. Meanwhile, this legislature will have failed in the performance of the duties which it has imposed upon itself if the session ends without some pattern of reorganization having been enacted into law.

Licensing Should Be Grouped

Although there are some 22 or 23 separate bills to implement the program, the sense of the entire program is that contained in this series of articles concerning the reorganization program. Certainly the many and varied licensing boards should be grouped together. Anyone with experience in government should realize that

the appointment of more than 500 separate commissioners by the governor is virtually impossible.

For the governor to personally know the backgrounds, qualifications and abilities of the appointees is almost out of the question. This function could well be served by a director, since, in effect, what many fail to realize is that this actually occurs today. The governor has several administrative assistants to whom are assigned various areas of state endeavor. It is these men and not the governor who perform the necessary leg work and form a preliminary opinion as to the qualifications and ability of a person whose appointment is sought.

The duties imposed upon a governor by law are so complex and so burdensome that it is a physical impossibility for him to personally attend to all such functions. On the other hand, since he is charged with the responsibility of performing these duties and since he is responsible for the efficient operation of every agency, then he should have control over the agencies which would make it possible for him to exercise his responsibility. This is not the case in many instances today. The governor has only the responsibility to answer to the people but does not possess the accompanying control.

Duplication Would Be Eliminated

Clearly, efficiency will be improved and eventually the taxpayers will be better served if the reorganization plan is adopted. What sense, for example, is there for the fish commission as well as the game commission each independently and separately undertaking a program to stock streams with trout or other types of game fish?

I suspect that the many duplications of like nature which exist would be eliminated and this would provide an additional control over fiscal affairs of the state.

Continuance of the executive department in its present condition is analogous to the use of the horse and buggy during an atomic age! The "Little Hoover" commission, created by the 1949 legislature, recommended many of the changes that are again being urged today. Since that time, each successive legislature has ignored this huge but vitally important program.

METHODIST MEN'S MEETING SLATED FRIDAY IN EMMETT

Methodist men's sub-district dinner meeting will be held March 24 beginning at 7 p.m. in Emmett Methodist church, according to an announcement by the Rev. Paul Ludlow.

SUNSHINE MISSION OPEN NIGHTLY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Sunshine Mission opened recently at 10 South First street in Nyssa under direction of Pastor Al Erby, assisted by Celo V. Harkey. The mission is open at 7:45 nightly except Sunday.

According to Harkey, those attending will hear the gospel preached and will be given spiritual help from the word of God, the Bible.

Prayers for the sick will be offered one night a week, Harkey added.

Everyone is welcome at the mission, regardless of race, creed or color.

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Ontario, Oregon
 March 15, 1961

Dear Editor:

I am entirely in agreement with those newspaper editors who oppose Oregon's SB 325 which seems primarily an attempt to curb the free press by fear of reprisal. But the most frightening thing about this proposed law is that it is entirely in harmony with the general effort that is being made all over the United States to curb the free expression of thought, especially if it be unorthodox thought.

Perhaps the worst offender in this respect has been the House Un-American Activities committee which seems to be attempting to carry out a systematic campaign of intimidation of the teachers in our public schools and the ministers in our Christian churches. The U. S. Supreme court once stated, in *Watts vs. Indiana*, "There is torture of the mind as well as of the body; the will is as much affected by fear as by force."

The city of Chicago has lately obtained a five to four decision of the Supreme court upholding its right to pre-censor all movies. This narrow five-four decision sets a precedent under which any city or state may set up such pre-censorship. Chief Justice Warren, one of the dissenters, declared: "The decision presents the real danger of eventual censorship for

GOLDEN HOUR GROUP MEETS WITH MRS. FITZSIMMONS

Mrs. Lyle Reece and Mrs. Bill Fitzsimmons were hostesses March 16 to 21 members of Nazarene Golden Hour Missionary society at the Fitzsimmons home.

Mrs. Bob Martin presided at the business session and devotions were led by Mrs. Joe Hobson. Study for the month was given by Mrs. Omar Barnhouse.

Every form of communication."

The specious excuse in every attempt at censorship is, of course, the protection of truth and purity, but since both truth and purity are relative expressions, who is to judge what is true and what is vicious and where will we find the all-wise man or committee competent to render a just decision in every case?

When Hitler burned the books and brought all public media under state control it was done for the "good of the people," but it would be hard to convince the world of today that he encouraged the progress of civilization.

The first amendment to the constitution reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press." But we have learned by experience that we cannot take those liberties for granted but must be vigilant to defend them at all times.

Laws are necessary to protect the public from the abuse of such liberties, but the dividing line between protection from abuse and unbridled censorship is a thin one and must be guarded by all of us who believe in free speech and free press.

Yours respectfully,
 D. IVAN FRITTS

Owyhee Community Church Events

Teachers training class was held at the parsonage March 14. All Sunday school teachers and workers in the church are urged to come to these classes. The next will be held March 28.

Young people went to Oregon Slope for a youth rally March 17.

Midweek service was held at the church March 22, during which a recording, "The John Noble Story," was played. Noble survived nearly 10 years of Soviet slavery. He is one of few American citizens ever to see the undisputed face of Communism in Russia. His story is an unforgettable record of courage in the face of Communist brutality.

LUTHERAN LADIES MEET WITH MRS. JOHN BRIEHL

Faith Lutheran church ladies met March 13 at the home of Mrs. John Briehl. Thirteen members and one guest, Mrs. Robert Heldt, were present.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Briehl. Following the business meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Walter Looney and Mrs. Gene Huffman.

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