

Stop It, America, Before It's Too Late

(The following column appeared in a recent issue of the Long Beach Press Telegram. It is well worth reading.)

Stop it, you anti-Americans! Stop criticizing everything and everybody and every motive and every action except your own. Stop constantly sniping at your government. What in the world is the matter with you? You have the most wonderful nation on earth, a nation that has gone to extraordinary lengths to uplift the poor, feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted and extend justice to everyone. Yet here you are, applauding the very people who degrade and mock America, who tell you how selfish and corrupt Americans are.

Your own eyes and your own common sense should tell you that in no other land, under no other system is the individual more respected or better treated. Nowhere is a person as free to do what he wants with his life. Nowhere in the world, despite our occasional overemphasis on getting and spending, are charity and service to mankind more practiced or revered than right here in America.

For the past couple of years you have allowed a small handful of hypocritical critics to flagellate us and our government.

Be realistic. America where is your sense of proportion? We aren't a debased or rotten nation. We have our share of criminal misfits, but most of us are pretty decent people—hard-working, law-abiding, God-fearing. All of us want a better life for ourselves and our children, and most of us want a better life for our neighbors too.

But this anti-Americanism is corrupting our national soul. It's having a harmful effect on our children, who are beginning to believe it. This false picture is making it easier for the haters, the doomayers and the malcontents, those with the biggest mouths and the smallest

consciences, to mislead and confuse us. It is twisting our values, making it difficult for our children to know right from wrong.

Thousands of American boys have been killed in Vietnam by being trapped in hamlets where men, women and children were paraded as villagers; when actually they were armed with Viet Cong Molotov cocktails, bombs and what have you. Our boys were trying to be decent and suddenly they found themselves completely surrounded by villagers armed to the teeth and destroying them.

But the poor bleeding hearts in America. These anti-American so-called patriots, instead of having any sympathy for our boys who, of course, had to fight back, felt sorry only for the old men and children who got hurt in the mixup.

Of course they would get hurt in that kind of a mess. We had a lot of boys killed in that action. The anti-Americans had no sympathy for the poor villagers who were simply used, innocently or otherwise, by the Viet Cong. This is war, make no mistake about it, but these anti-American loudmouths seem to believe we have no right to wage it in our own defense.

One U.S. senator actually said that American prisoners of war in Hanoi might as well just stay there, because they certainly wouldn't have been prisoners if they had had enough sense not to enlist for a useless and barbaric war. Well, the fact is they didn't enlist—they were drafted.

And many of the very men who supported President John F. Kennedy when he went into Vietnam and who supported the Tonkin Resolution later when the war became unpopular, turned about-face and blamed the whole thing on President Lyndon Johnson. And now they are blaming it on President Nixon, who didn't have a single thing to do with starting this war.

But the very men who are loudest in their criticism of President Nixon and the present situation in Vietnam, which gradually is being solved, are the very ones who really helped start the whole mess. This is the worst display of national hypocrisy we have ever witnessed in this country.

It is unbelievable that so small a minority of Americans, these loudmouths, could create such a terrible atmosphere in this country. If it were not for the loudmouths, the world would know almost nothing about what is going on here, because it is so much more peaceful here, and safer, than any place else in the world. But to hear these bleeding hearts yell, you would think Russia is a Utopia compared to America.

Stop this anti-American rot. Because if you don't America's youth will be consumed by the stench of this hypocritical rhetoric. Stop it, America, before it is too late!

by L.A. Collins, Sr

ARCADIA

ARCADIA - Sandy and Jim Roper from Las Vegas and Virginia Greenhow from Modesto, Calif., are visiting their grandmother, Goldie Roper and their uncle John Seburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank James from Pendleton visited his sister Mr. and Mrs. Parley Feik from August 6 to 8. They returned home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Everett and family from Nampa visited Mr. and Mrs. Parley Feik Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Oglesby from Orange, Calif., were overnight guests August 10 of Mr. and Mrs. George Moeller. Oglesby is Project Development Director of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. with international headquarters at Santa Anna, Calif. Mrs. Oglesby will be remembered as Clarabel Wright of Boise who taught Bible classes in Treasure Valley for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burgess and family from Redding, Calif., visited Saturday August 7 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bullard. Mrs. Burgess is the former Belva Hunter of Arcadia and came to attend the Nyssa High School 1951 class reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bullard visited Sunday in the Marvin Jensen home in Boise and the George Bayock home in Meridian. Nancy Bayock accompanied them home. Tuesday they went to Mason Dam near Baker where Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Davis is camped.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stradley of Burns visited last weekend here with his mother Amy Stradley and her mother Margaret Moss.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Houston visited in the Tom Farley home in Ontario Sunday evening.

BLACKBURN TO OPEN EBRONIX CENTER

Ebronix, a national company headquartered in Boise, Idaho, will open a new learning center in Ontario September 1 to serve the Treasure Valley area.

Larry Blackburn, a teacher and coach at Nyssa High School the last two years, has been selected to manage the center. Blackburn, originally from M'dleton, Idaho, holds both the Bachelor and Masters Degrees in education from the University of Idaho.



"Providing motivation and an individualized learning program for students who have not succeeded in a group environment is the primary role of the Ebronix Learning Center," Blackburn stated. The Ebronix method involves the use of electronic machines and private tutors to assist students at all grade levels.

"Before accepting a student for enrollment, a diagnostic profile must be conducted," continued Blackburn. "Our electronically programmed profile is definitely new to the U.S. and is the major key to the success of the Ebronix method."

"Following the student analysis, an individual program is designed for the student. This individualized program using various success motivation techniques enables the student to greatly improve reading and/or math skills."

Ontario's Ebronix Learning Center will offer courses in mathematics, spelling, and reading for all school levels. Special programs for adults in improving their reading or math skills are also available at the center.

Larry Blackburn resides in Nyssa with his wife Donna, also an educator, and their two children. The manager extends an invitation to everyone to come into the center and see the facilities. The center will be located at 1997 SW Fourth Avenue in Ontario and will open September 1.

LEO SCHUTTER GAINS HONOR

Leo W. Schutter, formerly of Owyhee Junction, now residing in Boise was nominated by Boise State College and was selected to appear in the 1971 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." This prestigious annual publication recognizes men between the ages of 21 and 35 who have distinguished themselves by exceptional service, dedication and leadership in community activities as well as their chosen profession.

As an "Outstanding Young Man" a full biography and record of accomplishments will be featured in the 1971 edition. Each man also receives a personal award certificate in recognition of their selection for this honor.

Leo is presently working for Boise State College as a Senior Programmer. He is married to the former Shirley Skinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner of Owyhee Junction.

SUGAR BEAT TOPS

Sugar Beat TOPS will meet at 8:00 p.m. in Room #1 of the high school in Nyssa next Wednesday, August 18, instead of Tuesday, the regular meeting date.

Special guest speaker will be Dr. Phaff of Ontario.

Firemen Summoned

Nyssa Firemen answered a call Thursday, August 5, to the Melvin Spitzke place in rural Nyssa. Spitzke was burning trash when the trashfire got away from him and spread to a field burning between 15 to 20 bales of hay.

As usual, the local firemen made record time in getting to the scene of the fire but it seems Spitzke, who is a member of the rural fire board, now holds the record for "the first of the Firemen to get to the scene of the fire!"



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Oregon has been reapportioned.

Republicans appear to favor the job done by Sec. of State Clay Myers. Democrats generally, don't.

Pundits believe it paves the way for GOP control of the state Senate. The same sages believe it may enable Democrats to gain an upper hand in the House.

Myers inherited the job when members of the 56th Legislature couldn't agree on an acceptable plan. One Portland newspaper said the result was "a mess," but, all things considered "a pretty good piece of work."

Federal law calls for reapportionment of states following each decennial census to keep representation of Congress and the State Legislature equitable as far as population is concerned. Carving up a state to make certain each Congressman and State Legislator represents a fairly equal number of constituents shouldn't be much of a chore. But there are problems.

One is called gerrymandering -- the tampering of voting districts to nullify equal representation of minority groups with in-power majorities. Observers concur the Myers plan avoids gerrymandering.

Another problem is current Supreme Court attitude -- in the present case the one-man, one-vote mandate. This idea is meant to "liberalize" representation, eliminate any tendency of a majority group to control a block of at-large seats and bring voters closer to their individual elected lawmakers.

Another Supreme Court attitude involves the equal population concept within voting districts -- avoiding the tendency of a few lawmakers to gain disproportionate power because of an excessively large constituency.

The present Myers plan goes to great lengths to satisfy both of these concepts and, in fact, the Secretary of State let the federally favored population equality provision guide him through the reapportionment maze that proved fatal to Legislators.

But there's another big problem and that's the fact the State Constitution disagrees with current Supreme Court attitude. Oregon's Constitution specifically prohibits crossing county lines to achieve proportionate representation. Recent Supreme Court decisions tend to eliminate the sanctity of county lines.

Therein lies the biggest likelihood the Myers plan will be challenged. And if the challenge comes it probably will be from Democrats. The Sen-

ate Caucus of that party now has the matter under consideration.

Almost any individual can challenge the plan, however, and someone doubtless will before the Sept. 1 deadline.

Altogether 12 counties find themselves "carved up" to satisfy population requirements. They are Washington, Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Klamath and Jackson. Due to population shifts there will be a larger imbalance between Eastern and Western Oregon representation. But everyone expected that.

Simply stated, the Myers plan provides voters will ballot for only one State Senator and representative. The single-member district proposition rules in rural areas and is maintained in urban areas by use of multi-member districts with single-member subdistricts.

This means the bigger counties are divided into districts with single-member subdistricts from which come a number of Senators and Representatives. Legislative candidates must reside within the district. To comply with the one-man, one-vote mandate, the districts are divided into subdistricts from whence only one Senator and one Representative can emerge following election. Candidates don't have to live within the subdistrict they choose to represent. But they must pick only one subdistrict in which to run.

Most Salem-watchers believe the Myers plan -- although contested, will prevail. And a lot of them believe '72 elections will send a lot of new faces to Salem for the 57th session in '73.

In a few cases veteran incumbents will be pitted against each other at the polls next year if both choose to run. Carry-over Senators won't have to struggle with the problem until elections in '74. Some new areas have been created which do not now have representation. And it's likely some incumbents will move to new neighborhoods by the Nov. 3 deadline this year to facilitate re-election.

County party organizations will have to innovate where county lines have been crossed. But that problem won't have much bearing on whether or not the Myers plan prevails.

After all, the Legislature has been a two-party organization since 1939. And you have to go back to the turn of the century to find as many as 10 parties all squabbling over party parity regarding reapportionment.

ASC Announces More Options In Wheat Program

Participants in the 1972 wheat set-aside program may substitute barley, corn, or grain sorghum for wheat and still earn program benefits and protect their wheat allotment history, according to County farm program official Blaine Girvin.

Also, there is no limit on wheat acreage. Girvin pointed out that producers may grow their full allotment, or more than their allotment, and remain within the program. He explained that "set-aside" does not mean diverting land from production of a specific crop. It means setting aside an acreage from a farm's total potential crop production.

Set-aside acreage for the 1972 wheat program will be equal to 83 percent of a farm's domestic wheat allotment, the maximum allowable under the law. This maximum set-aside was established because of the possibility of large grain supplies from this year's harvest. In 1971 wheat set-aside acreage was 75 percent. Details of the program were announced recently by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin.

Inclusion of barley as a substitute crop and the higher set-aside percentage are the most notable changes in the 1972 wheat program, according to Girvin, who is Chairman of the Malheur County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee which administers farm programs in the county.

"These changes reflect the present possibility of a large wheat harvest in 1971, and the necessity of assuring income protection for the farmer while also maintaining his greater decision-making freedom provided by the Agricultural Act of 1970."

The substitution provision will enable a producer to plant

all or any combination of his acreage to wheat, feed grain (corn, barley, grain sorghum) without loss of planting history or program benefits. Several provisions of the 1971 wheat program are unchanged for 1972. The loan rate will remain at \$1.25 a bushel, national average -- high enough to provide protection of farm income if the market unexpectedly falls, low enough not to be the determining factor in market prices for wheat, according to Girvin.

The 19.7-million-acre domestic wheat allotment for the nation is unchanged from 1971. And farm-stored and warehouse-stored loans and purchases will continue to be available to producers participating in the voluntary wheat program.

Wheat producers in 1972 also will receive 100 percent of parity on production of their full domestic allotment, the same as this year, through issuance of wheat certificates. Face value of the certificates will be the difference between 100 percent of parity on July 1, 1972, and the national average wheat price received by farmers from July through November 1972. As was true this year, participants will receive preliminary payments as soon as possible after July 1 equal to 75 percent of the estimated face value of the wheat certificates, with the remainder to be paid after December 1, 1972.

Sign-up dates for wheat and other voluntary farm programs will be February 28 through April 7, 1972.

A leaflet summarizing the 1972 wheat program is expected to be received in ASCS county offices about mid-August and will be distributed by the county offices to local wheat producers.

Nyssa Pool Swim Teams



Shown are members of the swim teams displaying their ribbons won during the season.

In the top photo swimmers ages 10 and under are, from the left, front row, Bridget Vanetti, Laurie Marsh, Margaret Joyce, Sheila Joyce, Ricky Roberts and Scotty Calhoun. Back row, Dana Maxfield, Whitney Morrison, Terry Pounds, Rhonda Fehlman and Larry Church.

Lower photo, from the left, front row, Duane Griffin, Mike Shannon, Robert Fehlman, Richard Fehlman and Randy Jones. Middle row, Patty Nemazi, Katy Nemazi, Julie Anderson, Jeannie Jefferies, Lori Lane, Patty Joyce and Troy Calhoun. Third row, Mariam Kunkel, Dirk Sappe, Lorinda Baker (coach), Sandra Thomas, Linda Church and Megan Jackson.

Oregon Business Recovery Ahead of Other States

Business recovery in Oregon continues to run ahead of other Pacific Coast states, although the second quarter pace was somewhat slowed from the first quarter, reported Dr. Edward W. Reed, vice president and economist for United States National Bank of Oregon, in the bank's current Oregon Economic Barometer.

The bank's economic index for the state moved up nearly two points during the second quarter to an estimated 119.8 at the end of June. This upward movement continued a trend that started in July, 1970, the low point of the recession in this state.

Unemployment dropped fractionally from 6.4 per cent in May to 6.3 per cent in June, while not at prosperity levels, the figure was considerably better than California's 7.2 per cent and Washington's 12.5 per cent, and also closer to the national average.

Some of the greatest gains during the first half of 1971 have been in lumber and wood products. Employment in the industry in June was 3,300 above the same month a year ago, reaching 72,400, a level never attained last year. Plywood employment was at the highest level in two years. The health of the lumber and plywood industry can be traced to the persistent strength in housing, which presently is the strongest sector in the national economy.

Although the rail strike has been settled, it interrupted economic progress and may have an unfavorable long-range effect on Oregon because of probable increases in transportation costs. This state must ship a large proportion of its output to distant markets.

Manufacturing employment has made a spectacular recovery after declining on a seasonally adjusted basis since April, 1969. Making excellent progress, although not at previous highs, are primary metals, fabricated metal products, electrical equipment and supplies, machinery, and transportation equipment.

Dr. Reed said most of the nation's current economic problem stem from inflation, and that the main concern is the decline of labor productivity in relation to labor costs. During the first half of the last decade, unit labor costs progressed only slightly faster than productivity; during the last decade, unit labor costs progressed only slightly faster than productivity; during the last half, or from 1965 to 1970, net labor costs spurred at an average annual rate of 4.5 per cent. This brings into direct focus, he said, the great debate over the need for wage and price controls.

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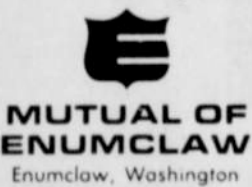
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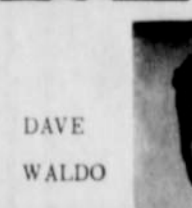
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