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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

By Charles V. Stanton

A FEW weeks ago we ventured the assertion that the president in his fourth term campaign would make political use of his title of commander-in-chief. We can expect the democratic national convention, opening in Chicago tomorrow, to plug the title to the utmost. The president set the pace in his letter to the democratic national chairman, Robert E. Hannegan, when he announced he would accept the fourth term.

In that letter he used the words "commander-in-chief" three times, "superior officer" twice, "soldier" twice, and "chief executive" just once.

The president has donned his uniform, gold braid and all; has mounted his trusty charger—the horse that can't be changed in the middle of the stream—and is off to the political wars. Campaigning in uniform is an old device, used by the veterans of many wars, but it's a new stunt for a veteran whose only fights have been political battles and whose campaigns have been conducted from sewers to fire-sides.

Most Americans, we believe, have a more or less sentimental reverence for that title commander-in-chief. It is somewhat like our flag. The flag may be of cheap cotton material or of the finest silk, but the arrangement of its colors, its stars on a blue field and its alternate red and white stripes, make it beloved and respected regardless of its materials. Actually it is just a piece of cloth. But to every American it is the symbol of freedom, and the emblem of a nation founded upon the highest ideals propounded by any government.

We would be shocked to the core by a priest who would don his altar vestments and then go out and roll in the mud. Is it any less desecration for a president to clothe himself in the highest title the people can confer upon him and expose his robe to the mud of a political campaign?

We honor the title commander-in-chief, but not necessarily the man who holds it. Like the flag, it is a symbol, not a piece of material. It should not be used as a political football any more than our flag should be used to cover a mudhole.

Yet there is every evidence the president proposes to campaign as commander-in-chief rather than as chief executive. His own letter exposes his hand.

His nomination at the party convention is virtually assured. Everyone has known he could have the appointment if he desired it. Yet the convention will probably stage a wild demonstration to mark completion of an act to which it was sworn months ago and which carries no element of surprise. But such demonstration is necessary. The new dealers have been loudly chanting that the republican convention lacked enthusiasm, because Dewey's nomination was cheered for only 15 minutes. Dewey's nomination, too, was a foregone conclusion, yet, because the delegates did not become hysterical and frenzied, their decision has been denounced as insincere. Is sincerity to be judged upon the quality of the sidshow? The democratic demonstration must necessarily be loud and prolonged, but, lacking spontaneity, it becomes a fraud—a stage trapping designed to deceive. Is that sincerity?

Our political integrity has reached an exceedingly low mark when we must drag through the mud our most sacred national vestments and resort to sham and deception to attract the votes necessary to maintenance of individual prestige.

OPA Agents Use Cash as Bait to Trap Racketeers

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON—Armed with a brand-new "weapon," not at all secret, the OPA is ready to crack down hard on ration coupon counterfeiters.

The new weapon is money—\$50,000 just appropriated by congress—and Thomas I. Emerson, OPA's enforcement chief, says it can smash the widespread counterfeiting racket.

The \$50,000 is to be used to purchase evidence, or, to put it the way OPA prefers, "to purchase commodities for use as evidence."

In laying a trap for counterfeiters of gasoline coupons, for example, an OPA agent or a "planted" confederate can buy up a batch of illicit stamps, spring a quick arrest of the salesman, and then use the coupons as evidence in a court action. The money paid, marked to identify it, also becomes evidence.

In the same way, the trap can be sprung on peddlers of stolen bona fide coupons.

Until now, OPA has had no funds for use in this way and Emerson says that lack of them was OPA's No. 1 handicap in attempting to snare counterfeiters.

In one case on the west coast, OPA agents made up a pool of \$500 from their own pockets to lure the racketeers. It worked, and a sizable ring was uncovered. The agents got their money back, but had to wait until the end of the court trial.

That incident and similar ones demonstrate, Emerson says, that \$50,000 can make it mighty unpleasant for coupon racketeers.

"I am confident we can lick the counterfeiting racket, now that we have this appropriation," he asserts.

Money Comes Back

The beauty of the scheme is that most of the money will come back to the government following its use in court. There will be

some slips, OPA acknowledges, but it is counting on recovering most of the marked bills. In effect, it will be a kind of "revolving fund."

Emphasis in the new program will be on wiping out theft and counterfeiting of gasoline coupons, which together are resulting in the loss of about 2,500,000 gallons of gasoline daily to the black market.

But the new fund will be used in other enforcement programs as well. Price panel representatives, having repeatedly warned a merchant against price ceiling violations, will refer such cases to OPA investigators. There again OPA agents will use their new weapon to "purchase commodities for use as evidence."

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OUT OUR WAY



DIAL LOG

By SUSAN

For tonight there's Screen Test 6:15; Music You Remember at 6:30, with Esther Geddes at the organ; True Detective Mysteries at 7:30, Eye Witness News at 8:30, The Last Show sounds especially interesting to us tonight. It's the story of Dr. Joseph B. Delee, who has done such wonderful work in Chicago and who founded the Chicago lying-in hospital and the Chicago Maternity center. If you read Paul DeKraif, you've probably read a good deal about this doctor's pioneering. As far as we're concerned, when they're handing out awards, we'd like to see more recognition of work of this type, even if they have to pass up a few movie actors. The program's sponsors will give the Maternity center a cash donation in recognition of Dr. Delee's work, so we're going to listen in tonight for sure, and this show is a type that ordinarily we don't care a lot about.

Tomorrow we're off again—the democrats hold forth in Chicago, which means that we'll miss Jack Berch since the convention goes on the air at 10:15 in the morning and again at 7 in the evening; so the Lone Ranger, too, has to bow out for Wednesday evening. If you're very politically minded you'll have a field day on Wednesday and Thursday, but if you aren't well, it's just another day.

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY

TUESDAY
 6:30—Music You Remember,
 7:30—True Detective Mysteries,
 8:00—Eye Witness News,
 8:30—Freedom of Opportunity
WEDNESDAY
 9:00—Boake Carter,
 10:15—Democratic National Convention,
 1:15—The Smoothies,
 3:00—Griffin Reporting,
 6:00—Gabriel Heatter,
 6:30—First Nighter,
 7:00—Convention,
 8:30—Bulldog Drummond
 9:00—Newspaper of the Air.

NEWS OF OUR MEN-WOMEN IN UNIFORM

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REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
 4:15—Merry Moons, Malt O' Meal
 4:30—World's Front Page
 4:45—Music Off the Record
 5:00—Good News Program, Assembly of God Church
 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep
 5:30—Tom Mix
 5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker
 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Toothpaste
 6:15—Screen Test, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
 6:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co.
 6:45—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son
 7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
 7:15—Music
 7:30—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.
 7:45—True Detective Mysteries
 8:00—Eye-Witness News, Capco
 8:15—Stardust Serenade
 8:30—Freedom of Opportunity, Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Assn.
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News
 9:15—Rex Miller, Wildroot Bros. Packing Co.
 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Hunt

Willie Pep Scores Win Over Ortiz

BOSTON, July 18—(AP)—Four years ago, as an unknown, Willie Pep, the Hartford, Conn., boxing master, received \$100 a round for sparring with Manuel Ortiz, but today the former, who went on to win all but one of 76 bouts, figured he earned almost \$1000 for every three minutes spent in actual combat against that undisputed bantamweight champion.

Last night the Hartford Italian made his one-time employer look like a tyro. He dominated seven of the 10 rounds against Ortiz.

But Pep was seldom within range when Ortiz, who hails from El Centro, California, cut loose with his lusty body hooks. The only times the Mexican impressed were in the sixth and eighth rounds, when Pep had to bicycle out of danger. Pep really cut loose during the last two rounds and gave Ortiz an impressive boxing lesson.

Beatty-Russell Circus Elephant Kills Man

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 18—Gabriel Tucker, 50, was killed Thursday evening when an elephant in the Clyde Beatty and Russell Brothers circus crushed him.

The fatality occurred when the circus was loading equipment and animals to move to another location. Other employees of the circus said Tucker had been mistreating the elephant for several days.

MOVIE ACTRESS

HORIZONTAL
 1,5 Pictured movie actress
 11 On the ocean
 12 Beverage
 13 Not high
 14 Eat sparingly
 15 Bay
 17 Humor
 19 Elderly
 20 Dance step
 21 Period
 23 Negative
 24 Musical note
 25 Tiny
 27 Send in payment
 30 At no time
 32 International language
 33 Erbium (symbol)
 37 Skavny body
 38 Skavny opening
 40 Born
 41 Like
 42 Mother
 44 Bright color
 46 Pale
 48 Mimic
 50 Age
 52 Reduce
 54 She is a popular personality
 55 Anger
 57 Grab
 58 Style
 59 She is a motion picture
 60 Plateau

VERTICAL
 1 Prison
 2 Employed
 3 Seine
 4 Each (abbr.)
 5 Moving wagons
 6 Sick
 7 Require
 8 Measure of cloth
 9 At present
 10 Double
 14 Portal
 15 Indian army (abbr.)
 16 City
 18 Journey
 20 Fendle
 22 Golf device
 24 Rhode Island
 26 At any time
 28 Sin
 29 Lunar body
 31 Before
 34 Domesticate
 35 Over (contr.)
 36 Pare
 37 Kitchen utensil
 38 Bone
 39 Appear
 43 Operatic solo (abbr.)
 45 Finished
 46 Spiders' homes
 47 Measure of area
 48 Helps
 49 Request
 51 Part of circle
 53 Existed
 54 Enemy
 56 And (Latin)
 58 Millimeter
 60 (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50
 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

Olympia Supply, Caribous Capture Softball Games

Softball fans saw two good games last night as Olympia Supply defeated Young's Bay, 5 to 3, and the Sutherland Caribous broke a tie score in the last inning, to win 9 to 3.

Scoring three runs in the first inning of the opening game, Young's Bay held Olympia Supply scoreless until the fourth, when the Supplies tied the score with a three-run burst. Two more runs crossed the plate in the fifth inning to put the game on ice for the Supply company team, which was given a trans-union of new blood after the Roseburg Alley team was disbanded, enough of the leggers being absorbed to give a stronger lineup. Young, pitching for Young's Bay, allowed five hits, while Peterson, on the mound for Olympia Supply allowed only three hits, all in the first inning.

The Sutherland-Roseburg Lumber game was a fine battle until the last inning. Sutherland pushed over two runs in the first of the third tie to have in the last half of the inning. The Caribous went out in front in the first of the fourth by squeezing a lone run across the plate, but in the last of the frame the Lumbermen again tied the score at 3-3. Neither team was able to score in the fifth and sixth, but in the first of the seventh the Lumbermen's defense was shattered and four errors, coupled with two hits and a walk accounted for six runs and the ball game. Vang, pitching for Sutherland, allowed only two hits.

Games Wednesday night will feature Olympia Supply versus Roseburg Lumber and Sutherland versus Dunham Transfer.

Summaries:

Youngs Bay... 300 000 0 3 3 0
 Olym. Sup. ...000 320 0 5 5 1
 Batteries: Young and Welles; Peterson and Muller, Baughman.

Suth. Carib...002 100 6 9 8 4
 Rsbj. Lum. ...002 100 0 3 2 5
 Batteries: Vang and Hogan; Blake and Rutherford.

Arthur Strader Retires From Railroad Service

EUGENE, July 18—Arthur Strader, for 45 years a railroad engineer, has retired as an engineer for the Southern Pacific company. He started working for the company at Roseburg in 1899, and had been an engineer since 1906. He reports he has worked on every foot of the S. P. track of the Portland division, except for a short stretch near Hillsboro. For the past ten years he has been on passenger runs only.

Mr. and Mrs. Strader will continue to make Eugene their home.

Boom Operator Wins Ruling Against OPA

PORTLAND, July 18—(AP)—OPA district enforcement attorneys had no authority to bring treble damage suit against C. H. Wheeler, operator of the Menefee log boom on the Willamette river above Milwaukie, ruled Federal Judge McColloch.

The district judge in an oral opinion held the authority delegated them by OPA Administrator Bowles "unauthorized and in-

valid" in this particular case. Alleged violations of OPA price regulations covering rafting and booming of logs were involved.

Heat Wave Sets Top of 102 Degrees at Medford

(By the Associated Press)
 Oregon thermometers saw red again today in a heat wave that sent the mercury to 102 at Medford yesterday and into the 90's at a number of other points.

Klamath Falls reported a maximum 94; Pendleton and Roseburg 93; Lakeview, 92; Eugene and Burns 91; Portland, Baker and Bend 89; Meacham 88.

Only along the coast was it cool. Newport had a maximum of 66 and Brookings 61.

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Rogue Pear Crop Uppe
 MEDFORD, Ore., July 17—(AP)—Rogue river valley pear growers predict a much larger crop than last year, topped by Bosses and Bartletts. Pickling will begin about Aug. 15.

Funeral services were held at Glendale today for Thomas Champion Johns, 70, for many years a resident of Azalea, southern Douglas county. Mr. Johns died Saturday at a hospital in Eugene, a native of Kansas. He spent the greater part of his life in Douglas county.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Agnes Burch Johns; three sons, Rollin C. Johns, Azalea; Darwin T. Johns, now a prisoner of war in Germany, and Dale Ralph Johns, Eugene. He leaves six brothers and three sisters, among whom are Leland and Edson Johns and Mrs. Cora Chadwick, all of Azalea.